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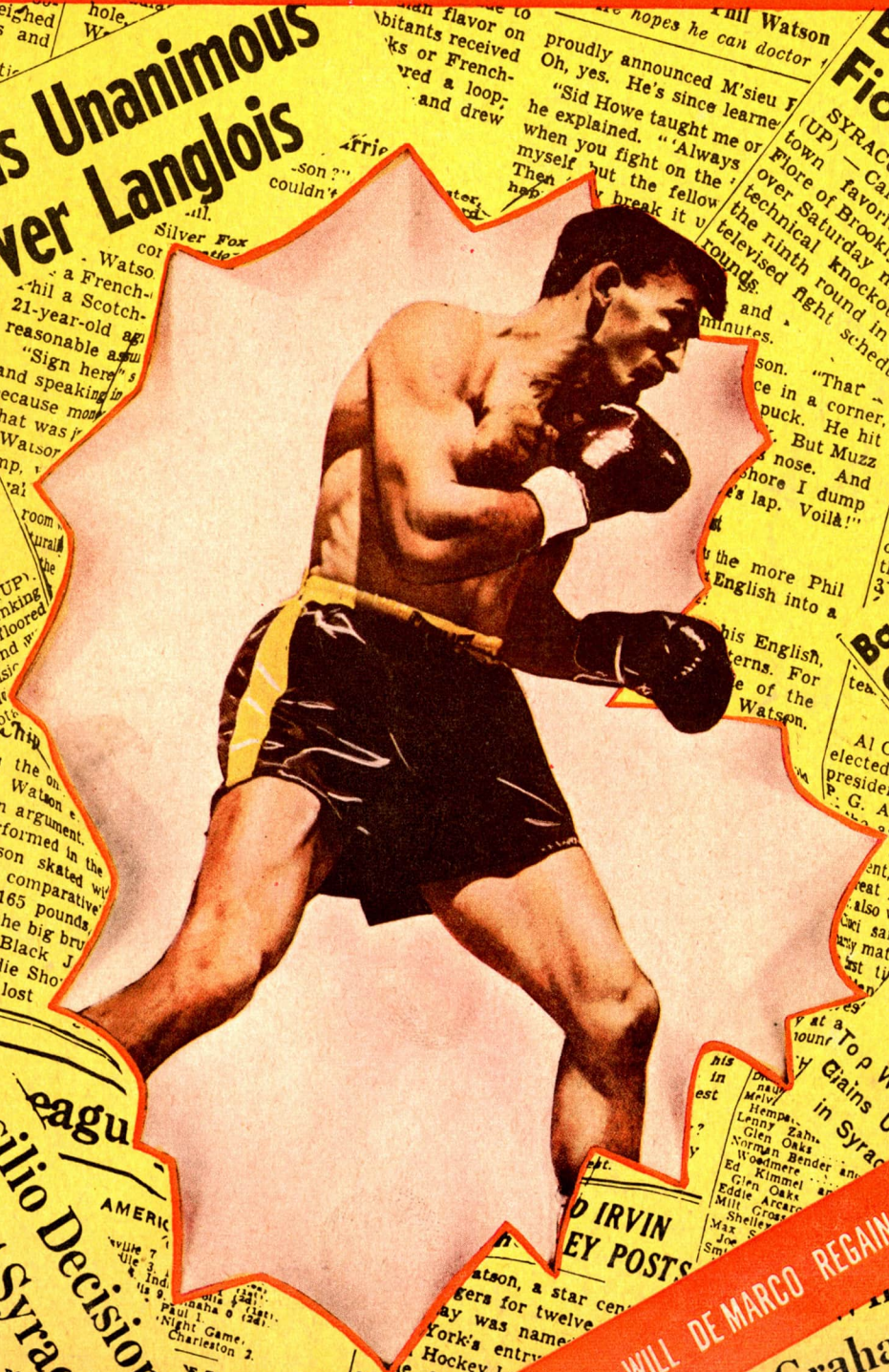

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I WAS THERE

I am 72 years old and an ardent fight fan who reads The Ring regularly. Here's a query I wish you could answer:

Before I was born, dad and mother were eager to see John L. Sullivan fight in New York. The family lived in Boston and all were great admirers of the Boston Strong Boy. Mother and father made the visit and while in New York, I was born.

The fight which they wanted to see was one that took place nine days after my birth. The exact date would be August 6, 1883. Though mother was in poor condition at the time, she insisted on accompanying dad to the fight and the story they told me was that I was carried in her arms and therefore I feel I was the youngest "ring fan" ever to see a championship bout.

All my people are dead. I would like very much for you to tell me the name of Sullivan's opponent on that occasion and where they fought so that I may boast about my attendance at that fight.

Mrs. Bessie E. McQuesten,
El Cerrito, California.

● *(The bout took place in the old Madison Square Garden on August 6, 1883 and Sullivan knocked out Herbert A. Slade, the "Maori" in the third round.)*

IS CHARLES THROUGH?

Gentlemen:

It was with amazement that I read the article in the October issue of The Ring, "Time To Quit, Ezz!" Aren't you going a little too far in telling Charles it is time to hang up his gloves because he was defeated by Tommy Jackson? Jackson, even though you suggest he is a "freak" is the No. 3 ranking heavyweight according to your own ratings.

What has Ezz done this year? Well, he defeated Charley Norkus and Verne Escoe. No great achievement, I admit. Then, leading in his first fight with Johnny Holman, he was stopped in the ninth round. In a return, he beat Holman with ease.

Then Charles whipped Paul Andrews, whom you also had rated until recently. The two losses to Jackson followed.

Charles certainly isn't the fighter he once was but he can beat most of the heavyweights today, including a number of rated men. You admit that yourself in ranking him fifth.

A. Thompson
Cleveland, Ohio

THE OLD REFRAIN

Why keep on harping on under-cover managers and hoodlums who must be driven from the sport if boxing is to survive? Since your organization and every boxing commission knows who these people are, either get busy and eliminate them or let's forget them entirely. Give the kids who are coming up some of the publicity that is now being given to the under-cover agents,

Arturo Gonzales,
Alberta, Canada

● *Ed.: (Only through publicity can one drive that which is bad out of boxing.)*

ONE MAN'S VIEWPOINT

As a long time reader of Ring Magazine, I ask you, how long must the public be misled by the fiascos perpetrated by the matchmakers of today's so-called boxing matches seen on TV?

Surely The Ring, as one of the mainstays and leading organizations of boxing for a good many years, can supply some answer to this condition.

There would be no dearth of patrons at a show if good cards were presented, as witness the recent Olson-Martinez fight in this city. Must we kill boxing entirely with poor matches, mediocre talent and putrid decisions?

Yours truly,
Richard L. Magedanz
Portland 16, Ore.

A VOTE FOR "TIGER" JONES

Being an avid boxing fan as well as a faithful reader of your fine magazine I would appreciate it very much if you would clear up for me and many of my friends a problem in the field of boxing that has been perplexing us for some time. We would like to know what the officials or the "powers that be" have against a fighter like Ralph "Tiger" Jones that cause them to "rob" him in a great number of his fights. This, at least on TV, is how it appears to us. The latest of a long series was the Jones-Lausse bout, a splendid fight with an inexplicable decision. This is only one of a great many which include Jones' fights with Saxton, Giardello, Mueller, and many others.

Jones invariably lands far more punches than his opponents, is always the aggressor, is a master at rolling and slipping punches and "picking them off" near his head with his right glove and is a punishing, slashing foe at all times.

If we are overlooking any factor which would explain this situation please give us a hint.

Thomas Marks,
San Diego, Calif.

ABE ATTELL—GREATEST

I subscribe to your record book every year. When it first comes out I glance at it on occasion and then lay it away. But recently for some unknown reason, I started to turn the pages and read through your selection of the ring greats. Here I started to relive my own connection with boxing.

In your ratings of the all time greats in the featherweights I notice you rate Abe Attel third with Terry McGovern first and Jem Driscoll second.

My mind wanders back about 37 years ago when I was trying to become a fighter under George W. Blake's management in Los Angeles and had as my trainer De Witt Van Court, the man who taught boxing to Jim Corbett and Jim Jeffries. Van Court had worked behind Harry Baker of Los Angeles against Attell several times. Van told me Attell was the greatest all round fighter he or anyone else will ever see.

In the lightweight class of all time greats you rate Owen Moran in third place, Freddy Welsh in fourth and Battling Nelson in fifth place. Attell met all three lightweights. Jim Coffroth, a great California promotor, said after watching Attell toy with the great Nelson, "I can't believe what I have seen."

Around 1929 or 1930 I took Johnny Gaito whom I was managing to box Jimmy McLarnin at an old actors' home in Jersey for Jim Corbett. After the show I asked Corbett who was the best fighter he saw and without any hesitancy he named Attell. I have had many times heard such men as Tad-Bat Masterson — Bob Edgren — Jack Doyle — (Vernon, Cal.)—Hype Igoe—Tex McCary—Damon Runyon—Tex Rickard Otto Floto — Jack Keans — Tommy Simpson (Oakland, Cal.)—Ed Smith—Ed Graney—Jack Welsh—Billy Roche —all waxed hot when Attell's name was mentioned. Always they would say Attell was the master boxer. Abe fought Matt Wells at 142; Buddy Ryan at 145; Aurelio Herrera at 137; Tommy Murphy at 138 and Ad Wolgast, a great lightweight champion.

I can't seem to recollect McGovern or Driscoll stepping out of their class as many times as Abe did and successfully. I just can't take little Abe in third place.

James Brannigan,
Yonkers, New York

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What are the problems of the wife of a champion of the world? How does Mrs. Rocky Marciano solve them? Get this picture of the family life of a boxing king in the January Ring. Daniel M. Daniel has written the graphic story.

Jersey Jones has done the Willie Pep Story. He reveals that Pep has figured in more than 200 fights, a notable total in these times. It used to be comparatively easy to run up 300 contests back in the days when the small clubs flourished. Don't miss Jersey's "No Work on Sunday."

Coming up soon are important title fights, among them the Wallace Bud Smith-Jimmy Carter lightweight scrap, and the Bobo Olson-Ray Robinson middie brawl. These contests will be treated fully, both in articles and in pictures.

Where is Floyd Patterson headed? Is he really title material? Ted Carroll answers that question—In Our Next Issue.

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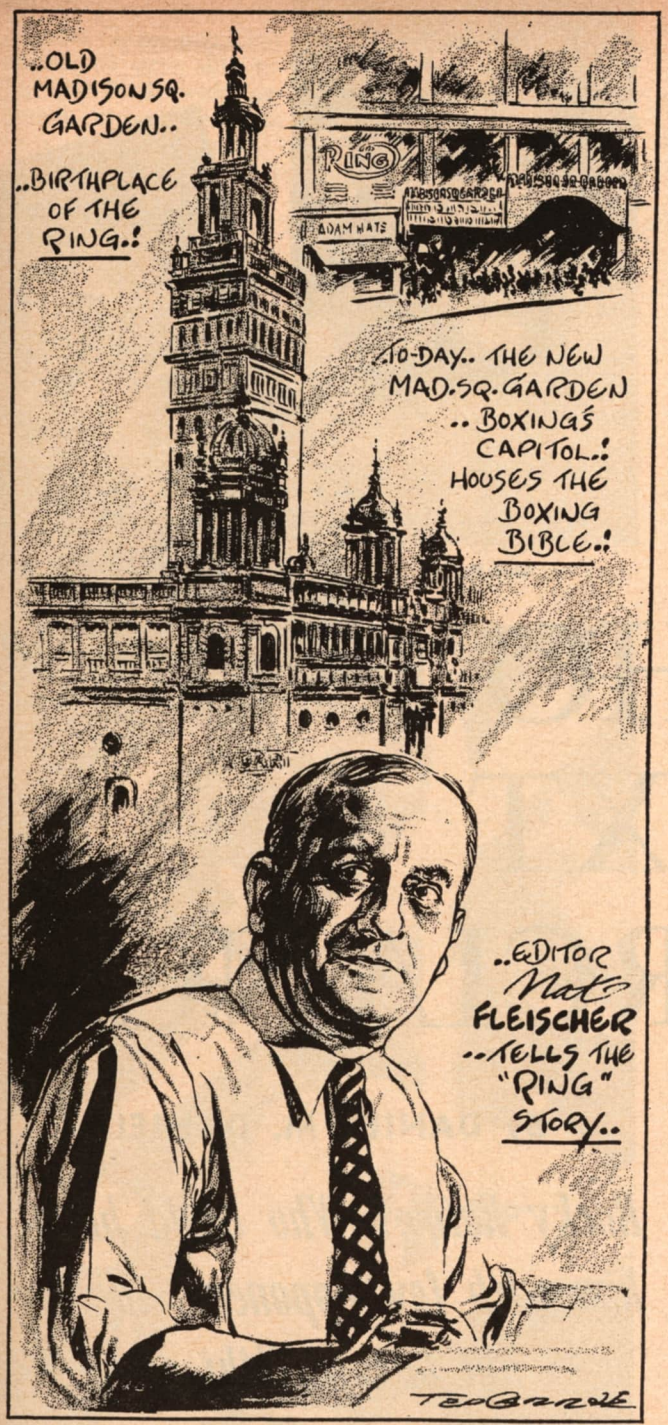

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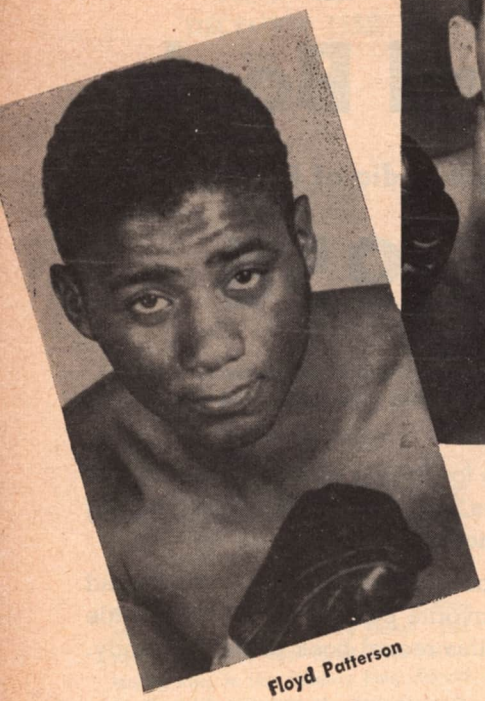

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WHO NEXT FOR MARCIANO?

Marciano's mother proudly looks over papers, morning after his knockout of Archie Moore. If she had her say the champ would retire now. Rocky feels differently.

By DANIEL M. DANIEL

Rocky Retire? Who could blame him with few opponents to face -- But he will fight again.

IF Rocky Marciano actually feels like retiring, his ideas present no problems in analysis. In fact, his reactions are as apparent as the derby on Charley Goldman's noggin.

For one thing, Marciano, after having thrashed Archie Moore in nine rounds, feels pretty much the way Jim Jeffries felt when he announced his retirement, eventually to be broken for his ill-fated and ill-advised fight with Jack Johnson, in 1905.

Rocky now sees nobody worthy of his efforts. There is no standout challenger. There are, for him, no new worlds to conquer.

For another thing, Marciano has made a fair haul, financially. He is a modest man with modest requirements and a modest way of living. He is, too, a family man. He believes that he now may apply himself to some other activity, and spend more time with Mrs. Marciano and their daughter.

For a third thing, Marciano has tired of the tough

regimen of training. For him, it is extra rugged. Other champions were able to lay off entirely between fights. But the Rock, with his tendency toward getting muscle bound, cannot afford to be out of training for more than a couple of weeks.

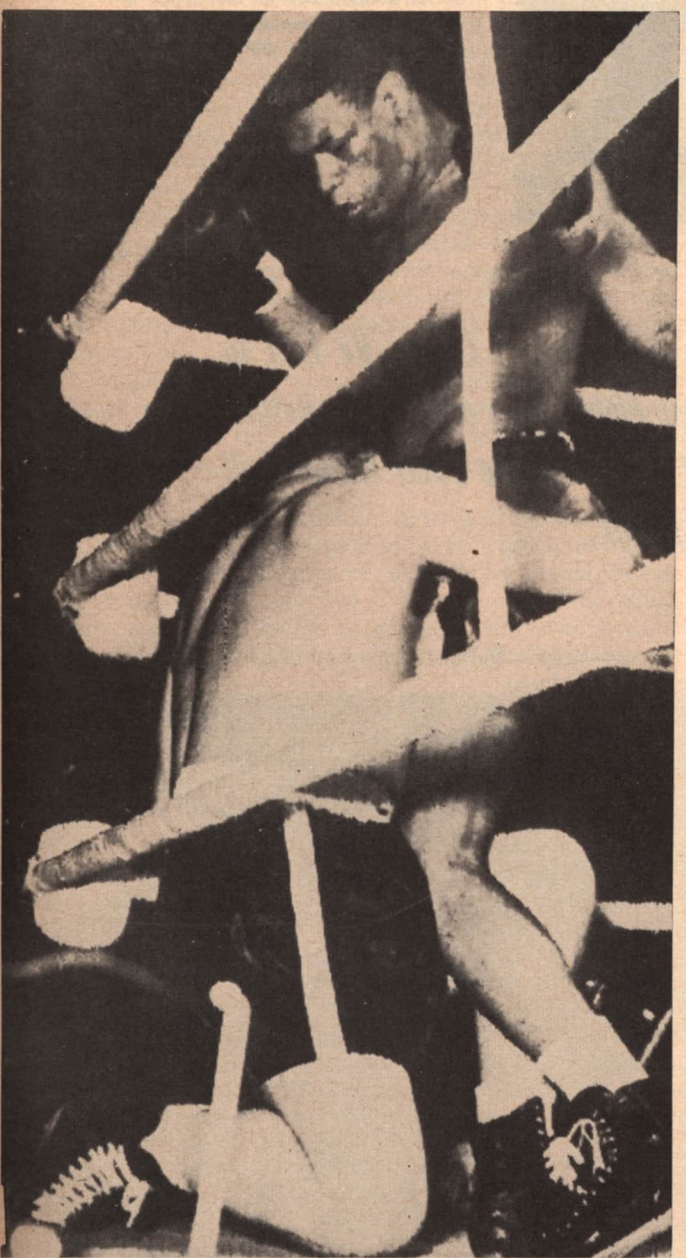
Thus, he is in semi training nearly all the time, and when a fight approaches, he has to work harder than any champion of the past. His greatest asset is condition, prime condition.

In the ring, too, during his training weeks, he must apply himself thoroughly because he has yet to master the finer points of boxing.

And now we come to the fourth and last, but not least, of the factors which may prompt Marciano to feel that he should hang up his gloves. It is lack of appreciation by the experts.

No matter what Rocky accomplishes, it isn't enough for those who write for the sports pages.

Their stories are not about Marciano's knockout victory, but about the amazing gameness of the vanquished. He has been left in the background in every one of his major bouts. That has irked him.



The stock of Nino Valdes took a sudden rise with his three round knockout of Don Cockell in London. It had taken Marciano nine rounds to dispose of Don.

COCKELL WAS PLAYED UP FOR "AMAZING GAMENESS"

When Marciano stopped Don Cockell, of England, in nine rounds, it wasn't his success that the experts wrote about. They sang the praises of the Briton for a game and dramatic stand and panned The Rock for alleged rough work and fouling.

The game Briton was thrashed as he never feared he would be by any man, even though Don did come out with a snide statement that some English third rater had hit him harder than had Rocky.

Cockell was so thoroughly belted about that he never will amount to anything much hereafter. His quick demise in the fight with Nino Valdes proved how badly beaten he had been by Marciano.

After the Cockell fight, Marciano knocked out Moore in nine rounds. Many of the cognoscenti somehow had got the idea that the aged, if clever and crafty, Moore could beat Rocky.

The newspapers the day after the fight did not play up Marciano's victory. They gushed over about Moore's gameness, his clever stand, his remarkable techniques, all of which, added up, had landed Archie right on the floor.

A man wants some appreciation of his worth. But this is not being given to Marciano, and if he weren't chagrined and miffed, he would not be human.

This tendency to play down the winning, knockout producing champion in waves of gush over the losers, is without precedent.

It is very odd, too, and for thousands of ring followers, is distasteful and unjust.

It is odd because Marciano's public relations are so ideal. His relationship with the press is reminiscent of that which made Jack Dempsey so popular.

MARCIANO HAS PERFECT RECORD AS HUSBAND

The fans like Rocky, the experts like him, he conducts himself like a gentleman, he is no chaser, he engages in no bizarre social adventures, he hasn't gone Park Avenue. In fact, out of the ring, everything considered, he is just about the all around No. 1 champion of all time.

But the writers go right on bubbling over about the gameness of the guy who finished up on the canvas.

Just how tough things would get if Rocky were to quit may be imagined with ease, merely by conjuring up a tournament among the contenders.

However, while Marciano doubtless would like to hang up the gloves, he definitely isn't going to do so—not just yet. He'll fight again next June.

When, after his victory over Moore, Marciano said something about retiring, Al Weill, his manager, suffered a severe shock.

"Marciano will quit the ring when I tell him to quit," Weill announced. Al thus sought to establish a sort of Svengali influence over the Rock.

But it is the writer's guess that when Marciano really wants to quit, nobody will be able to dissuade him. And his dissuaders will not include his wife, his parents, and many close friends.

That Marciano will rest through the Winter is certain. There will be no indoor fight for him.

Come June 1956, Rocky will take on one of three men—Bob Baker, Hurricane Tommy Jackson, or Nino Valdes.

There is not, among these, anybody with the Moore potential. In other words, it appears likely that Marciano could dispose of all three on three successive nights.

The situation may become complicated through the fact that Jim Norris and the International Boxing Club may have one ideal and Weill quite another.

It is no secret that Weill, who is very friendly with the

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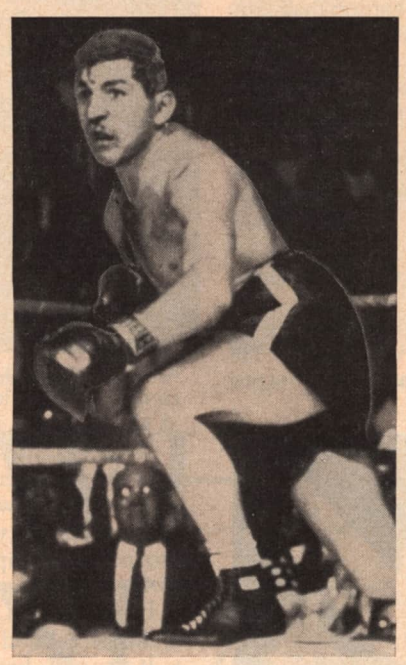
WILL DE MARCO REGAIN TITLE?

By
JOHNNY SALAK



Tony DeMarco, getting up from one of his knockdowns at the hands of Carmen Basilio, floundered but fought back courageously until the twelfth round.

Tony DeMarco Aims to Regain the Welterweight Crown He Lost to Carmen Basilio in One of the Greatest Fights Seen on TV; The Return Figures to be a Replica of the First But With the Final Result Still Much in Doubt

THE richest fistic plum of the year, not from the angle of money, but in sheer fighting fervor falls to the Sam Silverman-I. B. C. promotional axis on November 30 at Boston Garden when world welterweight champion Carmen Basilio and Tony DeMarco resume where they left off on June 10 at Syracuse which saw Carmen finally halt the Bostonian in the twelfth round. We take it for granted, however, that DeMarco will be in much better physical shape than he was in that fateful round, though we can't count on more spirit than he courageously displayed.

This battle, which saw DeMarco seemingly winning handily only to wilt under the constant body attack of the iron-jawed Basilio is one which shapes up, not as a defense by a champion against a man who already has scored a knock out over his opponent, but as a poised and aggressive question: Will DeMarco Regain the Title?

Indications are strong that the result is no foregone conclusion. DeMarco knows what mistakes he made in the fight. No one punch defeated him, but an accumulation of battering-ram blows. Whether he can again, as in the first fight, take the initiative and make Basilio fight the fight he wants him to, remains to be seen. Whether he can hold that initiative and decided advantage is of more importance.

Basilio knows that even in winning he must take cruel punishment, that extra something a must if, the battle going the same way as the first, he is to outlast the doggedly determined DeMarco.

It seems everyone knows that, the partisans of the boy from Syracuse and the Bostonians who will be in on the biggest Tea Party since Revolutionary Days, and the nation-at-large which was fortunate enough to view the first battle on television. The fight, with very little doubt, was the greatest ever seen on video.

The prospects of another great fight are not lacking, in fact, based on the work of the two fighters since that June entanglement it appears that it might be even closer than the first.

Promoter Sam Silverman, in conjunction with the I. B. C., in conjunction with the ABC-TV network, know they have a "live one" in this fight. It figures to be a money maker all around. At $20 a throw for a top ticket, a 14,000 sell out crowd will toss about $165,000 into the till. Basilio, as champion, has a guarantee of $75,000 coming to him, plus the added revenue from the nationwide television hook-up. The New England area will be blacked out and the sponsor is putting up between $80,000 and $100,000 for the TV rights.

Where does Johnny Saxton fit into this picture, Saxton who won the title from Kid Gavilan and then was stopped in fourteen rounds by DeMarco? He was side-tracked when pressure brought on a DeMarco-Basilio championship fight

originally, and now once again has been left out in the cold, though he had been promised the winner.

Saxton waived his prior claim on Basilio via a deal worked out by Silverman, after the Boston promoter had conferred with I. B. C. bigwig Jim Norris.

Following Basilio's victory over DeMarco, a Basilio-Saxton fight seemed imminent. But the Big Return, in view of the first bout, is a big "MUST" and the move had to be made. Silverman convinced Saxton to wait, no doubt for a considerable consideration, rumored at $10,000.

There is a definite agreement for Basilio or DeMarco to risk the title against Saxton. However, things do crop up, as they have in the past.

Both Basilio and DeMarco have proved to be tremendously popular fighters, as champs and otherwise. Their followers are strictly loyal to both Carmen and Tony, and tickets for this fight, or any against a worthy opponent in which they appear, won't go begging.

BASED on their performances since the first title bout, Basilio has not looked his usually sharp self while DeMarco appears to have recovered from the effects of the beating administered by Carmen.

However, while DeMarco's performance, against Chico Vejar in Boston recently, was dynamic, and showed that he had all his punching skill at hand, the shortness of the affair—he kayoed Vejar in less than a round—still left some questions unanswered. In the bout Vejar, because of the relentless fury of DeMarco's attack, got off only one good blow, a right to the head. Can DeMarco stand up under a full-scale attack, to the body and head, such as Basilio is sure to launch in their return? This is a question that will have to remain unanswered until the night of the fight, though, from outward appearances the defeat left no lasting marks on him.

It would have been wiser, though, for DeMarco to have engaged in more than just the one abbreviated contest and test himself more fully. However, from box office value, the manner in which he disposed of Vejar, was all that was needed.

Basilio, on the other hand, twice went to the post in non-title bouts, scoring decisions over Italo Scortichini and Gil Turner. Both performances left much to be desired, though it must be kept in mind that these were not all-out efforts on his part, but attempts to get back into championship form, preludes to his second encounter with DeMarco.

In his bout with Scortichini, at Madison Square Garden, Basilio looked listless, despite winning with apparent ease, and it was second-guessed that any leading welterweight could have taken his measure that night.

Against middleweight Gil Turner, whom he narrowly edged on a split decision at Syracuse on September 7, Basilio had his hands full and any thoughts he had of going after the middleweight title for the time have been sidetracked.

Turner made an aggressive and strong fight, opening an old cut over Basilio's right eye in the third round, which bled constantly throughout the remainder of the bout. Basilio in this fight also appeared rusty.

However, it was the body punching that slowed Turner down enough to give Basilio the edge in the scoring. He had Turner groggy and almost out on his feet at the final bell.

THE pattern of the return encounter between DeMarco and Basilio should be a replica of the first, with DeMarco scoring heavily in the early rounds, possibly opening that cut over Basilio's right eye. However, the constant body bar-

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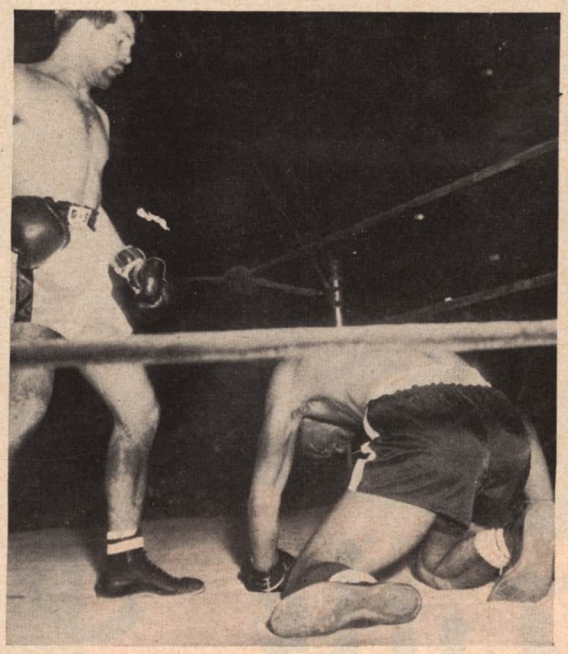
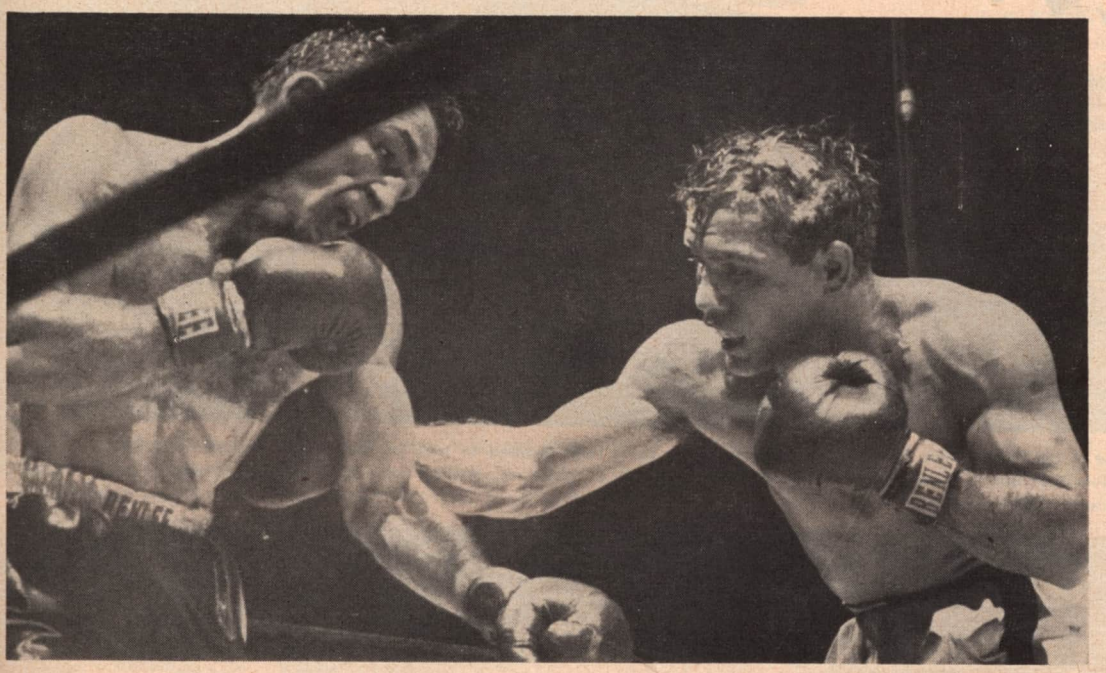
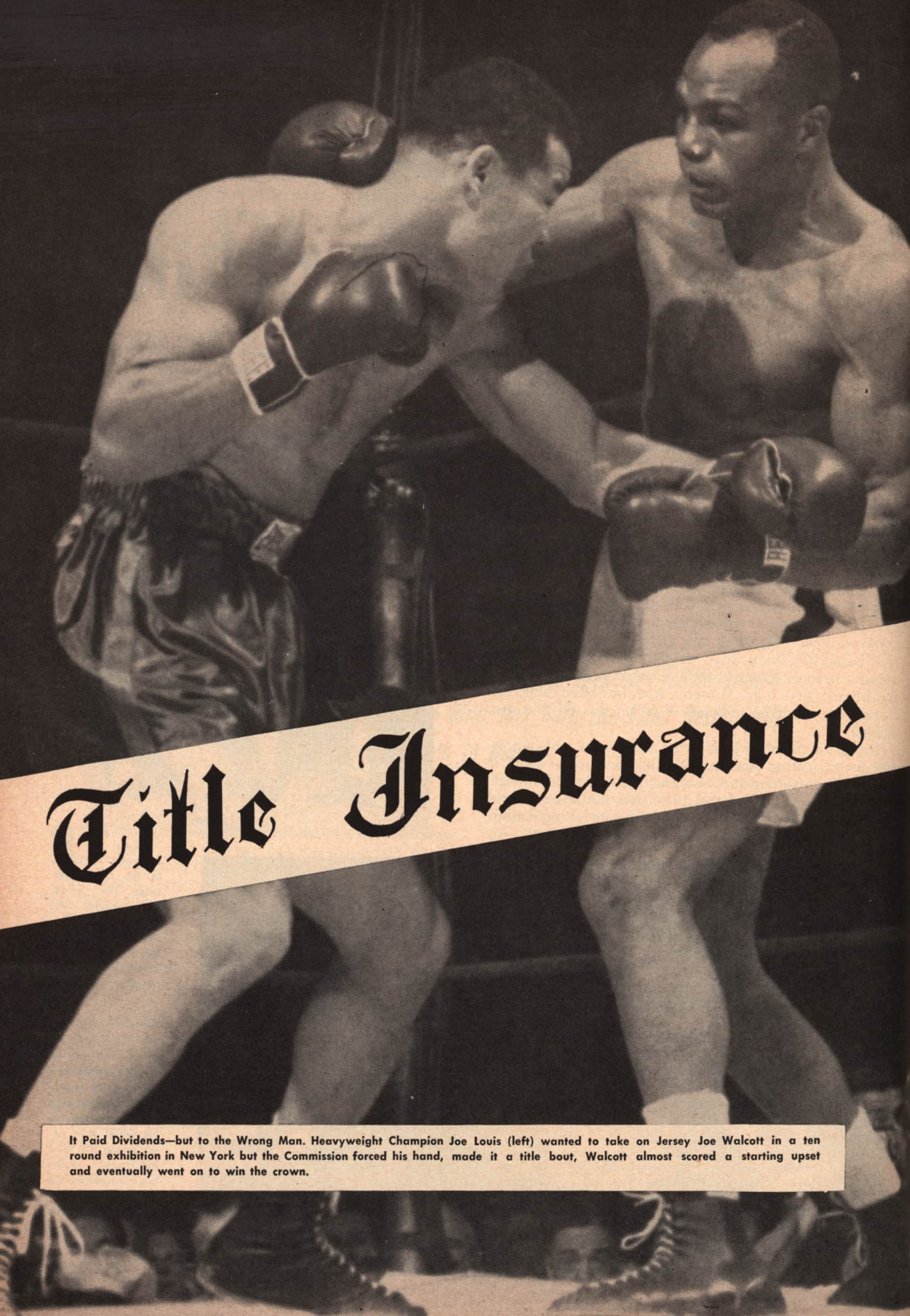




(Above) DeMarco, in his only fight since the affair with Basilio, unleashed a vicious assault on Chico Vejar, stopping him in the first round.

(Left) Carmen Basilio won a unanimous decision over Italo Scortichini in his initial start after taking the title, but it was a meritless performance against a handicapped opponent.



Title Insurance

It Paid Dividends—but to the Wrong Man. Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis (left) wanted to take on Jersey Joe Walcott in a ten round exhibition in New York but the Commission forced his hand, made it a title bout, Walcott almost scored a starting upset and eventually went on to win the crown.

A Manager, Often Spending a Lifetime Developing a Champion, Considers the Crown as a Big Business Investment and Many Times is Forced to Extremes to Protect His Profitable Venture.

By LESTER BROMBERG

THE purists in boxing would have you believe titles are a public trust constituting an obligation rather than a piece of property. In recent years this attitude has reflected itself in commission policy against return-bout contracts for champions.

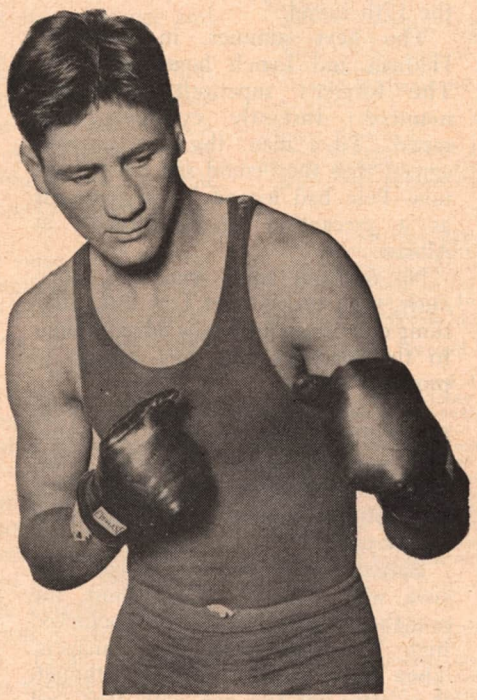
It's a sporty view and, no doubt, any poll of fans would support it, yet managers regard same with resentment, even revulsion. These professionals spend a lifetime to create a champion—if they're lucky enough to get a champion. Once owner of a title through his fighter, the manager believes he's entitled to some insurance.

In the many generations of Queensbury boxing, title insurance has cropped up under more different labels than the cash-prize quiz program these nights on TV.

Probably the oldest gimmick to preserve ownership of a crown is the exhibition bout. John L. Sullivan used it extensively. His tours were legion, international in scope and generally his august presence was enough to unnerve the shuddering hopefuls who attempted to face up to him.

Ring history reminds us, however, that John L.'s exhibition with Jim Corbett (*it was called "a friendly bout"*) in 1891 at San Francisco was the first straw in the wind that the Boston Strong Boy would run into trouble in a regulation fight with the chisel-featured ex-bank clerk.

In more recent years the risk-free trail was pursued ardently by a host of heavyweight champions, including Max Schmeling.



Tony Marullo of New Orleans, picked as an easy work out for Max Schmeling one night, decided to add a little excitement, shocking Herr Max with a murderous right hand in the second round. Frightened into aggression, Schmeling lashed back and it was soon all over.

Mushky Jackson, veteran International Boxing Club functionary, onetime Schmeling aide, recalled that his job was to select guaranteed inoffensive chopping blocks and to keep them tractable.

"Once we were in Shreveport, La.," Mushky said. *"One of my stiffs was a guy named Tony Marullo and kind of mischievy-like he says to me, 'Mushky, I'd like to put a little excitement into tonight's exhibition, do you mind?' I says, 'I do mind—a lot. All you got to do is box your two rounds like you always do.'"*

According to Jackson's account, Marullo, in the second round, shocked Schmeling with a right hand from left field. The affrighted Max lashed back at him and it soon was over.

No sooner had Schmeling left the ring than he charged up to Jackson, his beetle-browed countenance furrowed in a frown. "I know you, you trickster, Jackson," he intoned in his teutonic gutterals, "you trying something, you trying to get me knocked out, you want to make this Marullo the heavyweight champion."

Mushky's protests cut no ice, even in the face of the ridiculous notion that Marullo constituted title timber. After the tour was over, Schmeling was still giving him dirty looks.

In subsequent years Jackson was custodian of the tame savages employed in a similar role for Joe Louis.

Mushky had left Louis' employ by the time the following incident occurred:

In 1944, while in the Army, Joe's title matches had become charity affairs for service relief and, to make a buck without title risk, he signed for an exhibition in Buffalo with a character named Johnny Davis.

Suddenly the New York State Athletic Commission discovered the literal fact that, regardless of billing, a heavyweight champion risks his title every time he steps into a ring.

There came forth a ukase, which stated in as many words that *"you can't call this an exhibition, it's a fight. If you persist in calling it an exhibition, and not a fight, you lose our sanction and the show is off."*

Frankly, that made it as a promotion. Was it on? Was it off? After two days of cross-firing, it was agreed to call it a contest. Naturally, it was a sellout.

Louis ended all controversy by flattening Davis in a round.

There was yet another Louis episode of similar structure but of far greater significance.

This occurred the year he seemingly had run out of challengers, 1947. He'd had no June or September outdoor fight. He had traipsed throughout Latin America in the spring, was on the Pacific Coast for exhibitions in the early summer.

At about this time Jersey Joe Walcott had finally won some acceptance as a contender.

"Let's have Walcott box Louis 10 rounds in Madison Square Garden, with the stipulation that he doesn't claim the title if he wins," suggested Sol Strauss, acting as chief of the Twentieth Century Sporting for the ailing Mike Jacobs. Acting on the q.t., Strauss got the approval of Eddie Eagan, New York commission chairman at the time.

The announcement of this plan evoked what a malaprop expert described as "a *fusilage* of criticism." Eagan reversed himself, demanded that Louis fight Walcott for the title or not at all.

As events worked out on Dec. 5, 1948, in their 15-round

fight, Louis could have used title insurance afforded by the abandoned deal.

Walcott made the fight of his life, floored Louis twice and apparently was the new champion—until the votes were announced, these giving Joe a split decision.

One of the most flagrant forms of crown protection in the past was the no-decision match. Curiously enough, this had come into being as a compromise in certain states when boxing was being legalized. Reformers didn't want championship fights but were willing to accept "exhibitions."

What the bluenoses hadn't reckoned with was the fact that a title could change hands on a knockout. That possibility, however dim, gave any fight (with both sides at weight) a championship aspect. It amounted to a frolic for smart managers.

Of course, the best laid plans occasionally were frustrated by fate—and somebody else's cleverness.

In 1914, George Chip, the middleweight champion, a toughie from Scranton, Pa., stepped in as a substitute for his brother Joe, in a Brooklyn bout with Al McCoy, a southpaw and generally accepted as a nothing fighter. Jack Dougherty, McCoy's manager, had sold Jimmy Dime, the Chips' manager, a bill of goods, arguing: "Why lose the payday?"

McCoy became champion by a first-round knockout in one of the most famous upsets of all time.

Sure, McCoy gave him a return but it was a 10-round no decision and, since it went the limit, Al's title was undisturbed.

In 1916 Freddie Welsh, lightweight champion, had a no-decision fight in Brooklyn with Benny Leonard, a rising youngster. Welsh got home free.

A year later Billy Gibson, masterful maneuverer of the old school, proposed another no-decision match. Welsh assumed that, no matter what sort of fight it would be, he could be there at the final bell.

Leonard, further along towards his peak, punished Welsh viciously and stopped him in the ninth round of the scheduled 10 to win the title.

Once in Benny's competent hands, the championship didn't stray. Benny remained on top for as long as he chose. He retired undefeated in 1923.

Yet every veteran knows of the close call Leonard had in a no-decision 12 with Lew Tendler at Jersey Ctiy in 1922. Tendler, probably the finest southpaw of all time, a dynamiter, had Leonard badly hurt. But Benny, master of any situation, talked to Lew in a clinch. Tendler never regained the initiative.

A memory-book gem in the matter of title protection features Pete Herman, polished New Orleans bantamweight king. This occurred in the first year of the Walker Law, restoring decisions in New York.

Herman had received an attractive offer to go to London to box Jimmy Wilde, world's flyweight ruler and an all-time great.

A month or so before sailing, Sammy Goldman, Pete's manager, began to hear disquieting reports . . . "if you go to England with your title, they'll steal it," etc.

So, barely three weeks before the Wilde match, Herman met Joe Lynch in old Madison Square Garden in an official bantam title bout. Lynch wound up with the decision and the crown.

The British screamed bloody murder at the "degradation" of their big match but they wanted Pete anyway. As it happened, he knocked out Wilde in the 17th round.

The next summer, in Brooklyn, Herman and Lynch boxed a return. The former's superiority was pronounced. Instantly eyebrows were raised. To a man, the smart money agreed that they could see the picture now—Pete had loaned his title to Joe as a precaution against perfidy in Albion.

No decision bouts were out, obviously, with the Walker Law but something else came in, equally advantageous to the manager who had a title to protect.

This was the over-the-weight match. Its mechanics were to force an opponent to weigh in over the class limit, if only by a fraction of a pound. This automatically deprived him of any claim on the crown.

Barred only in the heavyweight division, which has no weight limit, the over-the-weight doodad quickly achieved high popularity with the managers. They still work it overtime, although it is often on the pan with fans and newspaper fight critics.

In 1942 Sammy Angott, awkwardly effective lightweight from Washington, Pa., came back to Madison Square Garden shortly after he had defeated Lew Jenkins for the title.

His over-the-weight foe was to be Bob Montgomery, Philadelphia powerhouse but distinctly a natural lightweight who had difficulty getting over 135.

At the noon weigh-in Angott was 139 but—lo and behold—Montgomery was half a pound under 135.

Charley Jones, Angott's manager, declared the bout was off unless Bob got into a welterweight bracket, however slender the margin.

Montgomery dutifully drank nearly a full quart of water. When he returned to the scales, he was 135¼.

Angott won the decision anyway but the precaution was prudent. By 1943 Montgomery was good enough to dethrone Beau Jack as New York-recognized champion.

Bob and Beau were to go on through three title fights. And it was before their second that Chick Wergeles, Beau's manager, interpolated an insurance move. Their original deal had called for two fights in the event Montgomery won the first. At the weigh in, Wergeles got an inspiration: "If he (Montgomery) wins this one, we're washed up with the title. I'll threaten to pull out if he doesn't agree to fight us a third time."

Well, the Beau regained the title and his need for a third fight became nonexistent. But they'd made the agreement—and they were drawing good money—and Wergeles honored the obligation.

No. 3 gave the title back to Montgomery.

This year over-the-weight requirements cropped up bizarrely in a Chicago fight between middleweight king Bobo Olson and Tiger Jones.

Sid Flaherty, Olson's manager, casually had mentioned that Bobo would weigh "around 162." As a result, Bob Melnick, Jones' pilot, promised to bring in his fighter at 161, although he normally is 156.

At breakfast the day of the fight, Jack Friday, Jones' trainer, had the Tige take on the following: large orange juice, three eggs, two pieces of toast, bowl of farina. Still, at a preliminary weigh-in, he was nearly four pounds shy of 160.

The ingenious man Friday then got two rolls of tin foil, each weighing two pounds, and inserted them around Jones' ankles. For this weigh-in, Tige wore socks. A close observer might have thought his ankles excessively puffy but nobody objected and his final figure was 160¼.

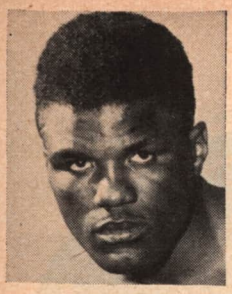
But the real shocker occurred for Jones' manager arrived when Olson got on the scales. He was 168!

At that, Jones gave Bobo a good scrap.

Olson, for his light heavyweight title shot with Archie Moore, put on poundage, and for some time has been finding it difficult to get back to the middleweight limit with ease.

All the managerial tricks are relatively commonplace when arrayed against the big casino of that department—sewing up a piece of the winner for the loser in a title fight. It has been done, although it isn't talked about. One of the few instances to come to light was Jim Braddock's 10 per cent lien on Joe Louis' title fights after Joe knocked out Jim at Chicago for the heavyweight crown in 1937.

In one form or another, the managers try to find a way to land some title insurance. It's tough to part with a meal ticket.



TOMMY JACKSON

Fighter of the Month

TOMMY JACKSON tightened his grip on third place among the heavyweight contenders by stopping Rex Layne of Utah in the sixth round of their Detroit contest. Though Rex had gained the advantage in the first four rounds and the bout was halted early in the sixth because of a cut over Layne's eye, the manner in which Jackson turned the tide with his whirlwind, hurricane attack, gained for him the top honors of the month. Fortunately for Jackson, there were few bouts of importance and his stood out as a result.

Layne's third defeat in a row, automatically pushed him out of the ranking ten in which he held down last place and in which sector he has been for some time. Rex made a target out of Jackson's face, landing with perfect right hand shots every time he tossed the punch, but he tired after the fourth and that helped Jackson considerably in his triumph.

John Holman, who has been inactive since June, following his defeat by Ezzard Charles, has replaced Layne since his record for the year surpasses that of rival heavyweights. Johnny Summerlin of Detroit, Joey Rowan of Phoenixville, Pa., and Harold Carter of Linden, N. J., are knocking on the door and may soon shove some of the vets out of the picture.

Don Cockell, British Empire champion, has been dropped to eighth place following his knockout of Nino Valdes who rates fourth.

Three changes have been made in the light heavyweight division in which Dave Whitlock has been eliminated and Chuck Speiser of Lansing, Mich., who was a member of the U. S. Olympic team at Helsinki, replaced him. Willie Pastrano has exchanged places with Yolande Pompey of Trinidad. Randy Turpin is out and Ron Barton is tenth.

Private Joey Giambra of Ft. Hood, Texas, has been dropped from the middleweight rankings to make room for Ralph (Tiger) Jones who is listed sixth.

The biggest jump in that division was made by Eduardo Lausse of Argentina who rates fourth, next to Rocky Castellani. Lausse was sixth in the last listing.

Milo Savage went down from seventh to eighth following his loss to Artie Towne who has replaced Gil Turner in tenth place.

Several changes appear in the welter class in which Joe Miceli's defeat of Ramon Fuentes, hitherto rated Number two, enabled Johnny Saxton to advance to that post, Virgil Akins of St. Louis to third place, Vince Martinez of Paterson, N. J., to fourth and put Ramon down to fifth place.

Maurice Harper has been dropped from further consideration as a rated boxer and Joe Miceli of New York, gained a place as a result of Harper's elimination. He ranked tenth.

In the bantam class, Little Cesar of Manila, who was stopped in two rounds by Nai Sonong of Thailand and then turned the tables by halting Nai in two rounds, has taken ninth post.

The greatest advance made by any boxer is that of Young Martin of Spain whose knockout of Dai Dower of Wales enabled Martin to jump from tenth to second place, previously occupied by Dower who has been dropped to fourth.

PROSPECTS OF THE MONTH

HEAVYWEIGHT; Warnell Lester, Bel Air, Md.
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT; Al Lane, Chicago, Ill.
MIDDLEWEIGHT: Genorace Armstrong, Elizabeth, N. J.
WELTERWEIGHT; Johnny Kaheaku, Hawaii
LIGHTWEIGHT; Joey Abasta, Los Angeles, Calif.
FEATHERWEIGHT; George Dormar, England
BANTAMWEIGHT; Jimmy Abeyta, Oakland, Claif.
FLYWEIGHT; Nicolas Ascanio, Venezuela

RESULTS OF THE MONTH

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Tommy (Hurricane) Jackson halted Rex Layne, 6. Jimmy Slade defeated Archie McBride, 10. Johnny Summerlin kayoed Neal Welch, 8.

Joey Rowan defeated Ken Hammer, 10. Brian London kayoed Jose Gonzales, 3. Charley Liston kayoed Johnny Gray, 6. Zora Folley kayoed Ruben Wilson, 8.

Dave Davey returned to action after a 2 year layoff and defeated Larry Watson, 10. Toxie Hall kayoed Bob Biehler, 2.

Alex Brown stopped Johnny Hoye, 4. Mike DeJohn kayoed Jack Taylor, 2.

Alfredo Zuanny kayoed Tommy Ramirez, 1. Eddie Machen kayoed Howard King, 10. Aldo Pellegrini polished off Herbert Weise, 4.

Emil Brtko kayoed Tommy Woods, 5. Fernando Fala kayoed Eddie Marshall, 1.

Harold Williams defeated James Cartwright, 6. Ernie Cab kayoed Lou Benson, 1.

Eddie Lee Walker stopped Don Jasper, 3. Crowe Peele kayoed Jimmy Brown, 4.

Don McCray bested Augie Turiano, 6. George Washington stopped Henry Hawkins, 2. George Moore kayoed Gene Jackson, 3.

Max Chris kayoed Chubby Duess, 8.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Floyd Patterson kayoed Dave Whitlock, 3.

Willie Pastrano outpointed Paddy Young, 10.

Randy Turpin outpointed Ed (Polly) Smith, 10.

Chuck Speiser halted Willie Troy, 5.

Heinz Sachs held to draw by middleweight Franz Szuzina, 10. Roy Harris kayoed Lajuin Burke, 6. Bobby Gordon whipped Bobby Hughes, 6.

Clint Bacon kayoed Hosie Boil, 2. Sergio Burchi stopped Hans Strelecki, 4.

Joe Tuvell kayoed Johnny Freeman, 2. Lou Campanelli kayoed Mike Gillo, 3. Al Lane stopped Gene White, 4.

Jackie King outscored Jimmy Sanders, 8. Burke Emery whipped Rudolf Kranser, 6.

Bill Hunter decisioned Calvin Butler, 6. Frank McGary kayoed Joe Leudanski, 4. Pat Roberts stopped Bobby Mann, 2.

Bill Jennings stopped Johnny Odon, 4. Sonny O'Mera kayoed Bob Lynn, 1. Joe Thomas kayoed Johnny Pruitt, 4.

Dick Greenberg kayoed James Ivy, 3, and Jimmy Adair, 1. Sonny Hett halted Vern Jenkins, 4.

Floyd Patterson kayoed Calvin Brad, 1. Ron Barton kayoed Austin Jones, 2. Chuck Howell kayoed Servel Morris, 1. Tony Simonetti beat Bob Cosgrove, 6.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Pierre Langlois edged out Gino Rossi, 10. Cliff Schellin defeated Jay Lewis, 10.

Georgie Johnson decisioned Bobby Dykes, 10. Sammy Walker halted Hardy Smallwood, 7.

Ralph (Tiger) Jones outfought Chris Christensen, 10. Jimmy Martinez outscored Pedro Gonzales, 10.

Bobby Boyd upset Gene Fullmer, 10. Charley Joseph defeated Sammy Walker, 10.

Lou Lawrence outpointed Cobey McCluskey, 12. Neal Rivers whipped Bobby Dawson, 10.

Willie Troy was stopped by light heavy Chuck Speiser, 5. Tim Jones outscored Bob Bolton, 10. George Benton whipped Clarence Hinnart, 8.

Stan Bryant defeated Petey Servin, 10. Jimmy Beecham defeated Andy Mayfield, 8. Dalfus Brown kayoed Bill (Corbett) Lanza, 7.

Rudy Jiminez kayoed Carlos Martinez, 3. Stanley Jones whipped Norris Burse, 10. Mike Campbell stopped Pete Adams, 8. Firpo Gutierrez defeated Joe Castanada, 10.

Gordon Wallace beat Jackie King, 8. Domingo Hidalgo spotted Catarino Guerrero 20 pounds and kayoed him in 5.

Andre Tessier kayoed Jackie Silver, 1. Roy Alston beat Larry Crawley, 8. George Boddie defeated Chuck Higgins, 8, but drew with Sherman Williams, 8.

Rory Calhoun kayoed Sonny Gill, 1. Bill Filippo defeated Joey Brooks, 6. Toby Silvia stopped Tony Martin, 4.

Lou Stanich defeated Herbie Jackson, 6. Bobby Lane kayoed Al McCoy, 1. Abe Cruz decisioned Joe Garza, 6, but lost to Joe Gray, 8.

Terry Rindal stopped Howard Lee, 5. Charley McCreary whipped Malcolm Butler, 6. Chuck Craig decisioned Henry Bronko, 5.

Billy Ellaway polished off George Roe, 4, and Ron Crookes, 2. Joe Gray whipped Jerry Fowler, 6. Carl Blair beat Al Carter, 6.

Pedro Bradley beat Ray Steele, 6. Eddie Spears whipped Alvis Perkins, 6. Bid Nethers bested Tony Necro, 6.

Carlton Lincoln beat Richie Lopez, 6. Joe Moran beat Young Joe Louis, 6. Gil Padilla kayoed Calvin Payne, 4. Tommy Kirk kayoed Willie Jackson, 2.

Andy Watkins beat Al Jones, 6, but lost to Billy Hester, 8. Charley Glover kayoed Mack Carrol, 2.

Vern Stevenson beat Roland Lemoyne, 6. Kid Dussart won from Leo Starosch, 10. Andre Drille decisioned Gino Menozzi, 10. Billy Tyree whipped Jimmy Hergerle, 6.

Ralph Jones outscored Al Andrews, 10. Tony Baldoni whipped Ray Drake, 10. Jackie LaBua outscored Eddie Prince, 10. Cliff Schellin stopped Pedro Jiminez, 5.

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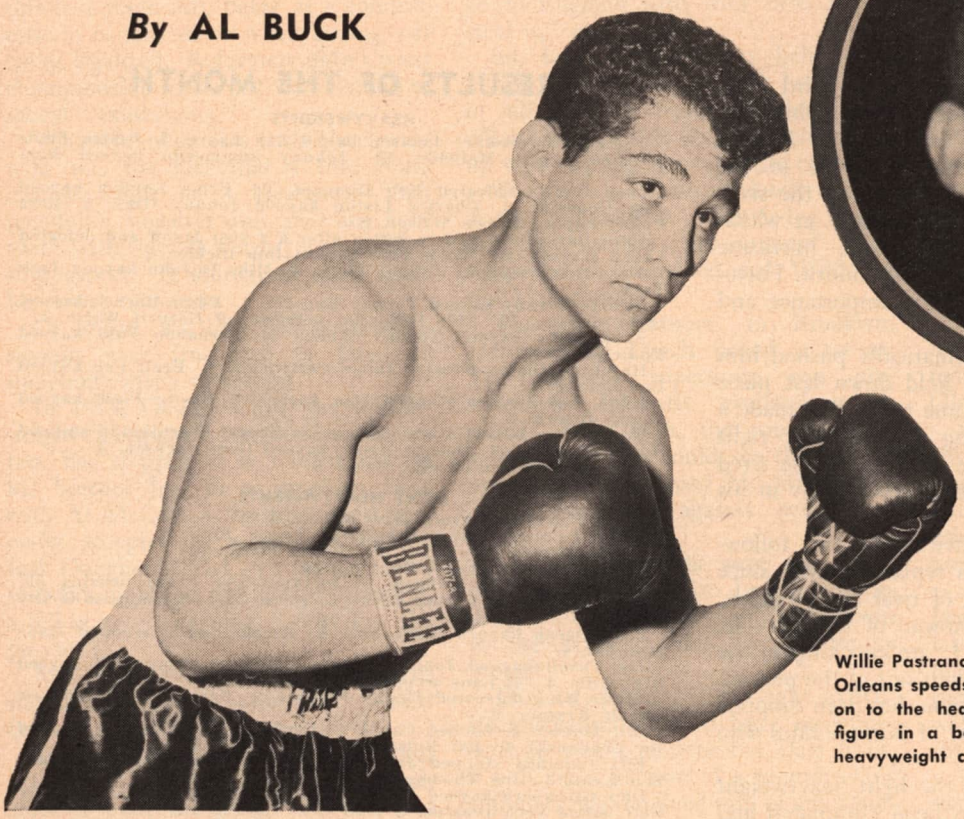
By AL BUCK

Randy Turpin, former holder of the world middleweight title, was recently knocked out of the light heavyweight picture by Gordan Wallace.



Willie Pastrano, fast rising New Orleans speedster, before going on to the heavyweights might figure in a bout for the light heavyweight crown.

Eyes Centered on Moore

A LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT is neither fish nor fowl. The class is populated by men too large to be middleweights, whose ambition is to be full grown heavyweights. Archie Moore, the 175-pound champion, is not an exception that proves a rule. Like his predecessors, Archie is an unhappy monarch, who would like to expand the territory he rules.

He has made his bid, but since he failed, let us for the moment forget his sensational battle with Rocky Marciano. Instead let us look ahead to some furious and exciting fighting in the in-between division.

Moore is confronted by serious opposition in his own class. There are several outstanding contenders on both sides of the Atlantic, and the champion, like others before him, has plans to increase his fame and add to his fortune by campaigning in England and on the Continent. That he will increase the latter is evident by the sell-out announcement of Jack Solomons for Archie's bout with Randy Turpin in January.

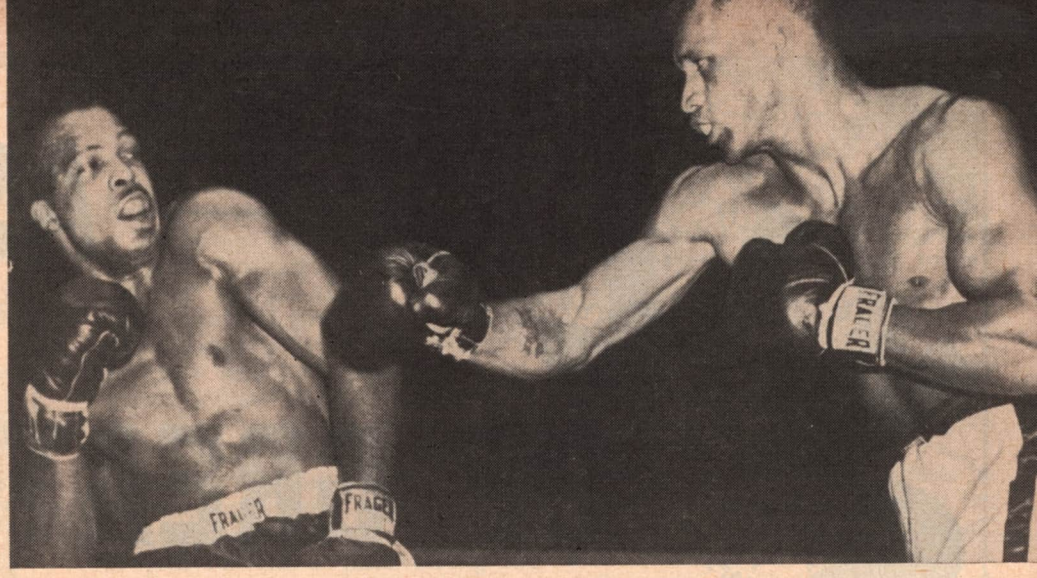
The 175-pounders are popular in Great Britain, where the division is called the cruiserweight.

Bob Fitzsimmons, born in Cornwall, although generally regarded as an Australian, was an early light-heavyweight champion. More recently Freddie Mills, hailing from Parkstone Dorset, was king of the cruiserweights. The title has been held by Georges Carpentier, the Orchid Kid of France, and also by Battling Siki of Senegal, Africa, who lost it to Mike McTigue in Dublin on St. Patrick's Day.

RESTLESS by nature, the 38-year old Moore has plied his trade in Australia and South America. In the 20 years he has been fighting, he has listed his home as St. Louis, Toledo, San Diego, Miami and occasionally Denver. A globe trotter, he is looking forward to following in the footsteps of other American light-heavyweights by fighting in England and Europe. If he defeats Turpin as is expected, he hopes to tour Europe and tackle several men in over-weight matches.

Twice since World War II the title has changed hands in London. Gus Lesnevich first went over in 1946, and knocked out Mills in 10 rounds. Two years later a fading Lesnevich returned and dropped a decision to an improved Mills. Mills held the championship until 1950, when he was stopped in 10 rounds by Joey Maxim.

John Henry Lewis is one of several light-heavyweight champions who risked the title in London. It was in 1936, and the Spanish Civil war, a preliminary to global conflict, had just begun. I was in Wembley Stadium the night



Bob Satterfield (left), No. 5 ranking light heavy, and Harold Johnson, Number Two man, have met twice with Satterfield eking out a split ten round decision and being stopped in two. Both are in line for a title bout.

John Henry outpointed Len Harvey in 15 rounds. Lewis gave a brilliant performance and the fashionably dressed crowd cheered his triumph over the native son.

Lewis had previously defeated Jock McAvoy, another British contender, in New York, and in England interest in his title defense against Harvey was intense. The same kind of interest prevails today in Moore's intended invasion of Queen Elizabeth's tight little island.

His British challenger, is Turpin, ex-middleweight champion, is well known in America through his fights with Sugar Ray Robinson and Bobo Olson. In Germany, Gerhart Hecht, the European champion, is anxious to fight for the world crown and has challenged the winner through the German Federation which controls boxing in his country.

IT was back in May that Jack Solomons, the British promoter, first attempted to sign Moore to fight Turpin. He was in Las Vegas for the Moore-Nino Valdes heavyweight elimination, having come over for the Marciano-Don Cockell title brawl in San Francisco. After Moore defeated Valdes, he wasn't interested in Turpin and turned down Solomons' bid.

Following the Marciano-Moore battle Solomons repeated his offer. Now Archie listened. Having defeated Bobo Olson, he assumes he can beat Turpin, since Bobo became middleweight champion by outpointing the Englishman. He plans to go abroad in December and do his training in London.

When he fights Turpin, he will be meeting the eight ranking light-heavyweight. Hecht is rated sixth. Another potential challenger is the German Willi Hoepner, who is ninth on the list. Although at this writing, there remains a few minor details to clinch the Moore-Turpin bout, they will be straightened out by Jim Norris who controls Moore's future through a special contract Charley Johnston, Archie's manager of record and Solomons. A conference, arranged for this purpose by Norris, will determine the terms under which the London bout will be fought, though the bout is definitely set.

IN the United States Moore's challengers include two promising youngsters. One, Floyd Patterson of Brooklyn, has lost only once and is the logical contender. The defeat came in an eight round bout with Maxim and the decision was unanimous two ways. The referee and two judges voted for Maxim. Eleven boxing writers at the ringside disagreed with the official verdict.

The other is Willie Pastrano, a youngster from New Orleans, who may even be a heavyweight contender. Fast and shifty Willie recently defeated Paddy Young, once a top middleweight. Pastrano is a television favorite, too. He recently won from Chuck Spieser in a bout seen coast-to-coast. He will soon be tested by Yolande Pompey, the contender from Trinidad, B.W.I., in Madison Square Garden.

Patterson is the No. 1 light-heavyweight contender, but is in no hurry to fight for the title. His goal is the heavyweight championship, and two years hence he hopes to go against the hard-hitting Marciano. Pastrano, ranked third behind Patterson and the temporarily inactive Harold Johnson, also has heavyweight ambitions. Pompey, who has been campaigning on the other side, is No. 3, a notch below Floyd.

Johnson is an old familar face among Moore's challengers. He had Archie on the floor when they fought for the title but the champion got up to win by a knockout. Johnson might have grounds for asking for another chance, if he hadn't lost to Moore in three of their four meetings.

The same is true of Maxim, the ex-champion. He lost the title to Moore in 15 rounds in St. Louis back in 1952. In a return bout at Ogden, Utah, Joey made it close. The pay-off came in Miami, where Moore had Maxim on the canvas twice.

Bob Satterfield, the fifth ranking contender, is another Moore victim. Archie knocked him out six years ago. Though Bob has been fighting heavyweights, he can readily make the light-heavyweight limit when required.

IT was for the Maxim fight at Miami that Moore first had difficulty making weight. The report went out he had done road work in the morning prior to getting on the scales. Still he made 175 and was strong.

The same thing happened when he fought Olson last June. For the middleweight champ, Archie came down from 196 pounds. Again he was strong and his punches carried authority.

The question is, how long is Moore going to continue to make weight? He has the frame of a light-heavyweight and some think he was too heavy at 188 when he fought Marciano. They reason a lighter Moore would have been faster and they may be right.

The fact is Moore is careless. Between fights he slops up on soft drinks and gives no thought to his expanding waistline. Then it isn't easy to get down to 175 when the time comes to defend the title.

Every light-heavyweight aspires to be a heavyweight. Often the wish is inspired by difficulties in making weight. The records show Moore was the seventh light-heavyweight king who tried to win the heavyweight crown. The list includes Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, Carpentier, Tommy

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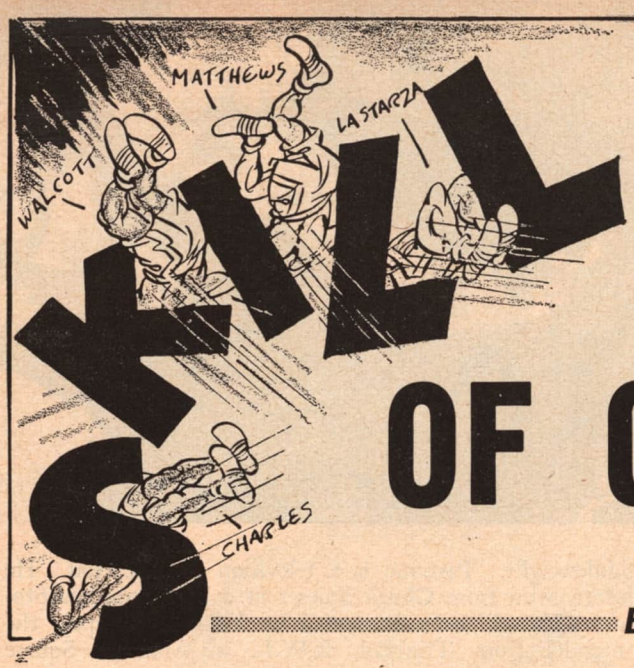


SKILL — ASSET OF GREATNESS

By NAT FLEISCHER

Greatness is Measured in Terms of All-Around Ability; Marciano One of Most Powerful Punchers in History, Lacks Other Essentials for All-Time Ranking

STAMINA, endurance, ceaseless firing, a powerful sock and determination.

Those words have appeared in almost every story in praise of Rocky Marciano's knockout victory over Archie Moore.

They describe the qualities possessed by the world heavyweight king and have been picked up by many of Rocky's followers who have comdemned the attitude of the majority of sports writers who, according to these critics, fail to recognize Marciano as a great fighting machine.

What's wrong they ask?

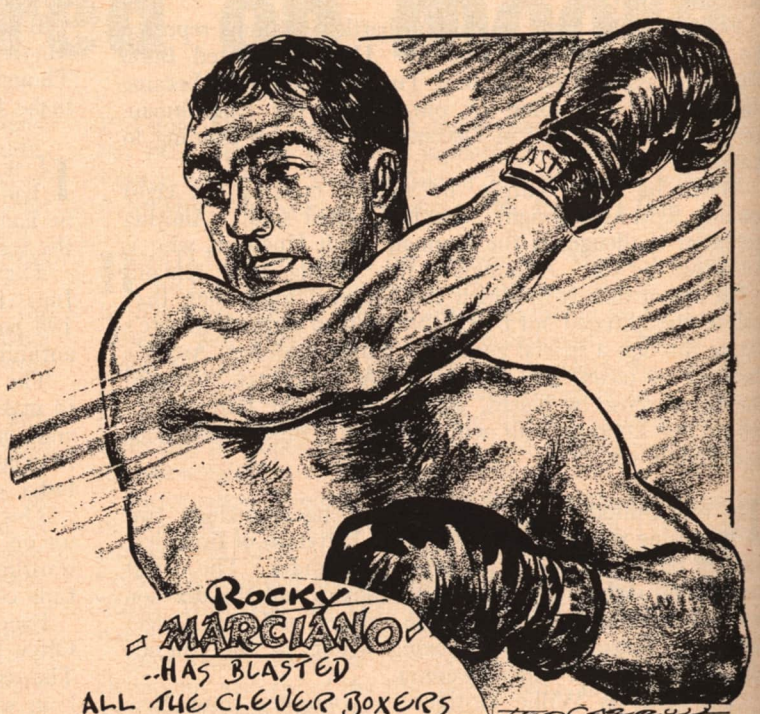
What must a champion accomplish to win public acclaim?

How much longer must an undefeated heavyweight king who has taken the measure of every opponent he has faced, play second fiddle to his whipped adversary in the reports of the contests in which he engages? Those queries have repeatedly been asked since Rocky's latest triumph.

Apparently there are two schools of thought on the matter of what constitutes greatness—those who regard hitting power as the chief asset and those who figure that greatness rests in all-around ability.

What are the qualifications for greatness?

Definitely Marciano possesses a measure of



greateness if we are to ignore clevernes, accuracy in delivery and base our verdict upon the few assets the Brockton Blockbuster does possess.

Overall, if one is a student of boxing, he realizes that Marciano lacks many essentials that are necessary before one can be classed in the category of greatness. Analyze his fighting qualities with those of such masters as Benny Leonard, Jack Johnson, Joe Gans among many others, and one soon realizes why the heavyweight king fails to receive the acclaim his followers believe is due him.

ROCKY has been the central figure in three thrilling contests—the Walcott bout in Philadelphia, the first Charles battle and the Moore affair.

He has proved that he is one of the most powerful punchers of all time.

He is unceasing in his offense.

He has won 49 fights in a row, 43 of them by knockouts.

He can down a man with one blow if he lands it properly as he did in Philadelphia.

Yet the post-bout applause has always been for the man whom he whipped. That it seems, is what irks his supporters judging by the basketful of letters received by "The Ring" following his kayo of Moore, all of which centered on the above points.

Ring savvy, defensive skill, excellent countering, beautiful blocking, they argue are wonderful assets. But have these, they ask, prevented the crude, wild swinging, awkward, heavy missing Marciano from reaching his goal?

They have something there. The win and loss columns are what count most in summing up success in boxing and so far there are none in the latter in Rocky's career. He was knocked down by Jersey Joe Walcott and again by Moore, but he got up and eventually mowed down his opponent.

Hence it is obvious that the world heavyweight king's backers rest their claim primarily on Rocky's tremendous power in his fists, his durability and the will to win.

Those who believe that he lacks the necessary qualifications for gaining a niche in the fistic Hall of fame as one of the greatest heavyweights of all time, won't argue that as a puncher, he takes his place with such greats as Fitzsimmons, Jeffries, Louis and Dempsey. They limit his qualifications for greatness to the category of "hitting power", strength and durability all of which Rocky possesses to a high degree but which assets they stress are insufficient to gain for him a place among the greats of the past.

In his case, they have proved ample fighting qualities to enable him to win the crown and to defend it successfully six times. But what about cleverness, the art of feinting, sidestepping, blocking, counter attacking and measuring an opponent? They certainly are not part of his fighting make-up. Without those, how can one place him alongside the masters?

NO one belittles the fighting ability of Marciano.

What the scribes have done, is to tear apart the argument of his ardent supporters that he is the greatest or close to it, of all the heavyweights who preceded him because he has won every bout since turning pro. They fail to take into consideration his many shortcomings.

Granted that he finally clouts his adversary into submission, do they take into account the fact that in the bout with Moore, for example, he missed almost two-thirds of the fifty odd punches he tossed when he had Archie against the ropes, a perfect target for the kill?

One must consider that, plus the ease with which he can be hit, in attempting to rank the Brockton Blockbuster.

He's a charming fellow. He has sincerity and humility. He never stops trying. When downed, he gets up and fights with more viciousness. That's all in his favor.

Despite his ring crudeness, he can move about at a pretty fast gait and can toss more punches than any heavyweight of recent years. But misses more frequently than any champion I've ever seen.

He's a rough, tough, awkward fighter who gets there eventually and because of that, his supporters ask, isn't a pugilist of that type equal in greatness to the polished fighter who outpoints his opponent and reaches his goal without the aid of T.N.T. blows?

There you have both sides of the argument-take your choice. If greatness, an attribute every pugilist aims to acquire, is to be measured by what we know Rocky possesses, then he must be classed as a great fighter. But if the true qualities of greatness are considered, he is outranked by many of his predecessors. What are such qualities?

1—Ability to outbox boxers, to outpunch punchers.

2—Ring, generalship.

3—Durability.

Marciano cannot outbox anyone. He must rely entirely on durability to outlast smarter and frailer opponents. He's too easy to hit, too easy to cut.

His arms are too short for him to be a boxer. He knows nothing about the art of feinting and counter-punching, assets possessed to a high degree by such masters as Jack Johnson, Gene Tunney and Tommy Loughran.

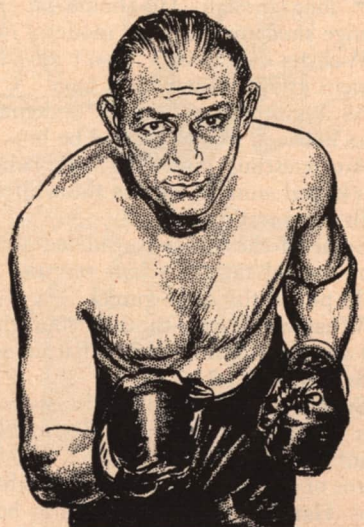
He has faced very few real punchers during his career. The two best, Walcott and Moore—both thirty-eight years old at the time—had Rocky on the canvas. Joe Louis is not included since when he met Rocky, the Brown Bomber had long since lost his once devestating punch.

The calibre of opponents is most important in evaluating greatness.

A Billy Graham or a Lulu Constantino looked like great boxers against lesser opponents but pitted against the top men of their class, their short comings in other assets were shown up and their boxing ability alone was offset by the attributes other, better opponents of theirs possessed.

Is Rocky Marciano a great fighter who can take his place as one of the ten ranking heavyweights of all time?

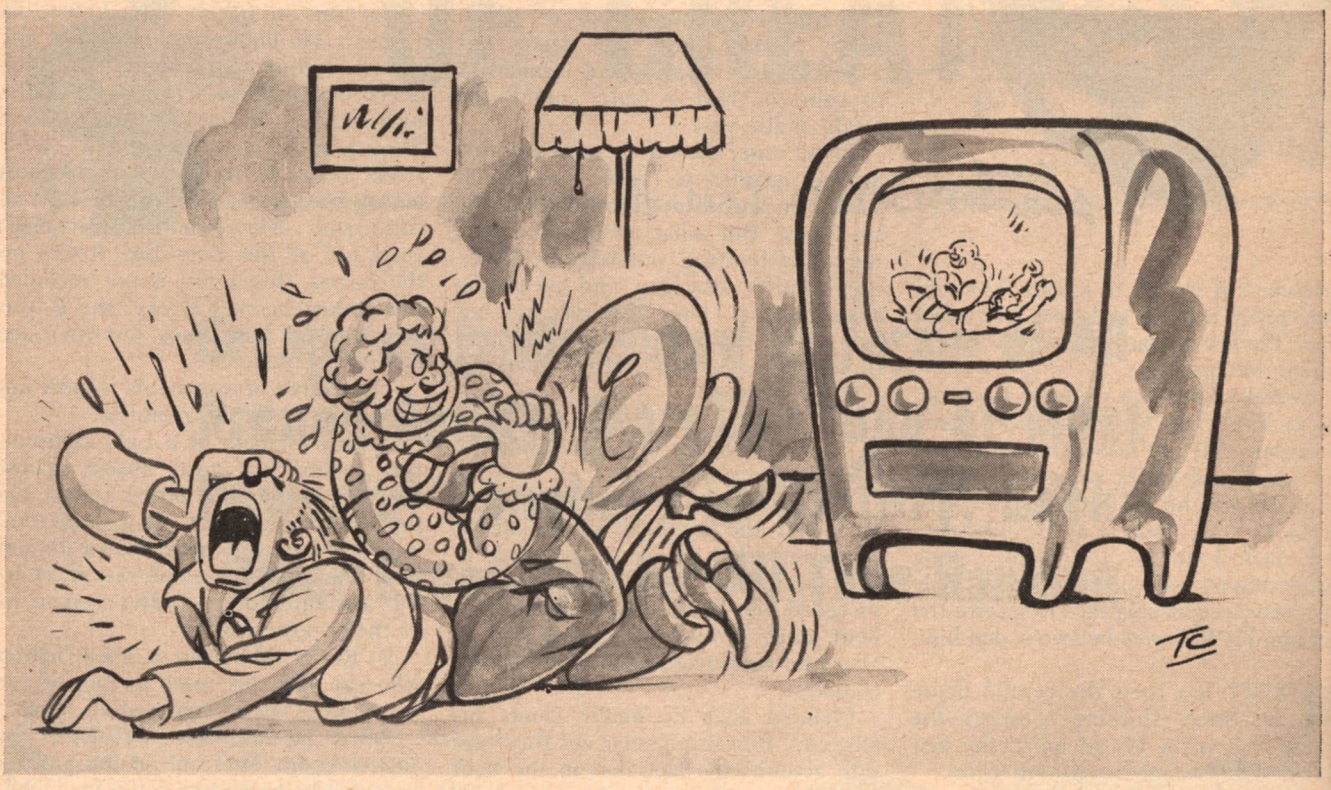
Based on the above analysis, the answer is no. He's one of the greatest since Corbett defeated Sullivan, in hitting power only. Beyond that he lacks the essentials that add up to greatness.



Benny Leonard, lightweight champion of several decades ago, had the all-around ability that added up to greatness.

ARE WRESTLING FANS CRAZY?

BY NAT LOUBET



THE party who first coined that oft-used expression, "There's nothing new under the sun," didn't live long enough. He should be around today to see the strange shenanigans of a "modern" wrestling fan.

Webster's dictionary hasn't any definition of the Homo Sapiens known as wrestling fans.

As a group they are an undefinable something, like a cross between silly putty and be bop.

Are wrestling fans crazy? Probably some of the zaniest two-legged animals outside the whitened portals and padded walls are wrestling fans.

Some of the antics considered as a "normal" part of the show would raise the hair on your neck if the neighbor's child pulled the same gimick.

What would you think if your girl friend, wife, or sister ran around ringside with a hatpin stabbing at the exposed ends of wrestlers?

Such a character stalked the aisles of the grapplers' battle pits until her weapon of destruction earned for her the weird label of "Hatpin Annie." She became notorious as the terror of the wrestlers and the delight of the regulars at ringside. Her antics might conceivably be considered as odd.

Remember the guy who played the heavy parts in the movies and proved how tough he was by putting out cigarettes in his hand? He was tough but how about the characters who go about ringside putting out their butts on the backs of wrestlers . . . what are they?

Al Galento, a well known wrestler of the rough-and-ready school, who is known to indulge in other than the strictly clean wrestling and is no sissy, had this to say after a match put on in a studio specifically for a television audience:

"It is a lot easier than being stuck by Hatpin Annie, as I was more than once, or have some frenzied fan put her cigarette out on your back."

I recently received a letter from a wrestling fan stating that his mother-in-law had been watching matches on TV and had changed from a mild mannered woman to one who wanted to practice a toe hold on him. He wanted to know what to do? We suggested that he keep his shoes on.

Incidents occur all around the grappling circuit that cast a not too vague doubt about the mental equanimity of the wrestling fans.

In California, a hopped-up fan recently pulled a can of dog food out of his pocket and gave it to "Bulldog" Plechas between falls.

At the Montreal Forum a rio was precipitated when a shirt-sleeved spectator climbed into the ring and assaulted Mr. Moto and his valet Fuji. He MUST have been crazy. Can you imagine picking a fight with a judo champ?

An interesting scene took place at Piqua, Ohio, when a fan without his keeper decided to take matters into his own hands when he disliked the match being played by Bozo Malenko and George Maracosta, the Greek strong man. He stood up in his ringside seat and pulled out a butcher

knife which he proceeded to throw in the general direction of Bozo's noggin. Yes, it missed and hit the ring post, but it rebounded and cut the Bozo in the mid-riff, causing discomfort and the need of a local hospital.

A guy with a penchant for the finer things of life by the name of William Barger got himself involved in what has become known as the "Great Scott Case."

Barger, a member of the crowd jammed into the Music Hall in Cincinnati, became disturbed at the way Scott and his manager John Kilpatrick were running things. Doing what surely came naturally, he bent the chair over Kirkpatrick's head. The law took a dim view of the proceedings and the case went to court with Barger being fined for his impulsiveness. The next time you drape a chair over your bosse's head charge it up to impulsiveness.

Tor Yamato, the Japanese judo star, when interviewed by The Ring was asked a crude question: "Do you like American fans and what do you think of them," answered: "They excite me, they hate me but they pay good money. Strange people, they pay to throw things at me." Yamato has had every known variety of vegetable cast his way. By his own admission fans come to see him slaughtered not to see him win.

It is related how on his way out of the Marigold Stadium he was met by a woman who had waited purely to shout a sour comment: "He looks like he is going to a funeral . . . it should be his own!"

Have many of those you have known outside of the booby hatch waited for hours for such a purpose?

I am sure most of us have been present at many athletic contests where the cops have been called in to restore order . . . or have we?

Recently in New York City at the St. Nicholas Arena, a cop called to quell a riot of mat fans was heard to say: "These people are nuts!"

It seems that a Hans Schmidt, advertised as the "Teuton Terror," held Israel's pride and joy, Ralpael Halpern, against the ropes and for the amusement of the spectators choked him until the referee disqualified the supposed Hun.

Then the mob took over. Men and women upset chairs, threw anything and everything they could get their hands on. It took cops from four radio cars to restore order.

Is there any wonder that a cop called out to stop a riot at such a madcap carnival remarked "These people are nuts!"

The joke on the crowd was that Schmidt actually comes from Canada.

Ask any fan of the grunt-and-groan fraternity about wrestling being exhibitions, and he will point out how many injuries are sustained by their favorites. All of which brings to mind the case of Dick Raines, a top notch wrestler, who on reports that reached us from St. Paul, Minnesota, was released from a hospital after being treated for a stab wound in the chest that police said was inflicted by an irate fan.

While asking questions, put the query to referee Harold Nelson as to his opinion of the wrestling fan. We haven't, but his answer would have to be interesting since he was bonged on the crumpet by a hard instrument after officiating at a match at Winnipeg, Canada, between Pazanwak and Shibuya.

In these days of questionnaires and the Gallup poll, the promoters at the Turner Arena at Washington, D. C., thought it would be a fine idea to get the feelings of their attending fans as to what matches they would like to see.

Cards were circulated just prior to the last presidential campaign. Several cards came back marked:

"Ike vs. Adlai."

Others had comments such as, "The ushers vs. the ticket takers."

Who's off who's rocker?

One character at a match at Hagerstown, Indiana, apparently had lost a few of his marbles. Professor Roy Shire and Buddy Rogers had just concluded a bloody match when fans created an even greater excitement by tossing paper hats into the ring. Our friend, who was apparently short changed when the good Lord passed out the equipment for his supper, threw a chair from the third row right into the ring. All of which proved he had a throwing arm if nothing else.

Now don't get me wrong, not all wrestling fans throw chairs or knives; some go to the matches purely to watch the good, clean fun. Such fans get slightly glassy-eyed along with the victims of punishing holds and, like snakes hypnotized by a flute, sit swaying in rapture to the crunch of bones and grunts of pain. Psychiatry would explain this as a mass hypnotism which I doubt would be considered as a normal pattern of behavior.

Have you ever wondered where all the girl wrestlers came from? A check of our records shows that the majority were fans who couldn't stand watching other girls have all the fun and got into the act themselves.

Those of you who have seen the Elephant Boy and his beautiful girl helper known as The Slave Girl have witnessed a colossal theatrical endeavor by a showman of the first order. Into the ring comes our hero with a robe claimed to have belonged to Catherine The Great, adorned with precious stones from front to rear. After wearing it a few times he was forced to have a copy made, so said his publicity notices, because fans were attempting to strip him of his valuables.

On one occasion a woman from among the spectators grabbed a large ruby located in a very embarrassing part of his robe and with a pair of scissors attempted to cut off the stone. As the Elephant Boy pulled away, the scissors

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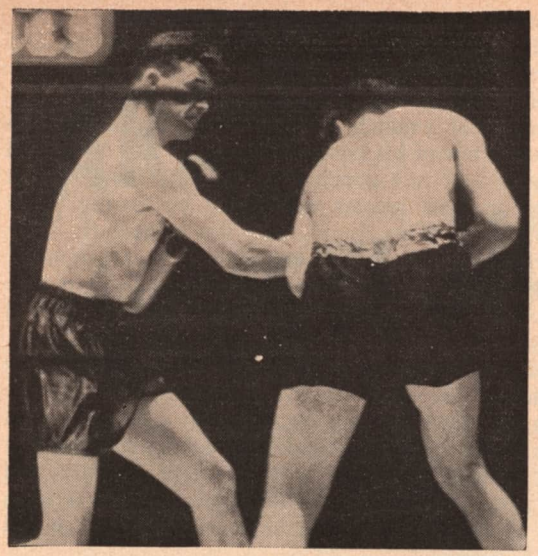
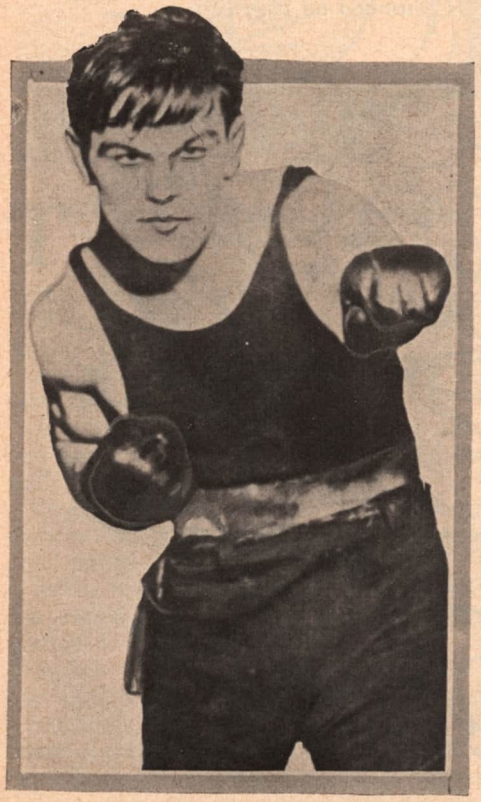


Jim Braddock (left) in action against Corn Griffin in bout that started "Cinderella Man" on amazing drive to heavyweight title. Brought out of retirement as "victim" for Griffin, supposedly washed-up Braddock scored stunning kayo.

Many a Not Too Highly Rated Fighter Has Reached Championship Heights on Sudden, Unexpected "Breaks."

When Lady Luck Smiles

By JERSEY JONES



Jimmy Goodrich, who was considered a "rank outsider" when eliminations began, emerged as surprise winner in tournament to determine new lightweight champion after Benny Leonard's retirement.

IT is an old saying in this rugged trade that reaching the championship heights is a combination of "50 percent ability and 50 percent luck."

The percentages may be a matter for debate, but there is no arguing that the element of luck plays an important role in any fighter's success.

A champion is supposed to be the best man in his class. Usually he is, but often enough he is not. Check through the ring archives and you'll learn that such superb mechanics as Packey McFarland, Mike Gibbons, Sam Langford, Frankie Burns, Jeff Smith and Memphis Pal Moore, to list only some of the many, never held world titles, yet at the peaks of their careers they unquestionably were the top men in their divisions.

On the other hand, or fist, we have had quite a few champions who certainly weren't the best in their classes. They were lucky in getting what the trade calls "the breaks," and they made the most of the unexpected opportunities.

The current series between Jimmy Carter and Wallace (Bud) Smith for the world lightweight title offers a timely example.

When Smith was announced as Carter's opponent in a championship bout in Boston last summer, the reaction of public and press was something less than enthusiastic. What qualified Bud for a shot at the title? The Cincinnatian had been a rated contender a year or so before, but an erratic record had practically pushed him out of the Big Time scene. To make matters worse, he hadn't fought in six months. No one conceded him much of a chance against Carter, and the New England populace thought so little of the match they stayed away from the Boston Garden in wholesale lots.

But Smith's chances of beating Carter weren't considered any more forlorn than Jimmy's had been when he first won the lightweight title in 1951. Carter certainly didn't rate the crack at Ike Williams in Madison Square Garden. A half-

dozen other lightweights had more logical reasons to be nominated for the shot. In fact, just before he was named to face Williams, Carter was beaten by a featherweight, Percy Bassett, in Philadelphia. The New York public was so apathetic toward the bout that it attracted one of the poorest turnouts ever drawn by a championship affair in Garden history.

ONE of the most notable cases of "rank outsiders" becoming world champions was that of Al McCoy, southpaw Brooklyn middleweight, who grabbed the midleweight title in a stunning one-round job early in 1914.

McCoy was a rugged, durable sort, but hardly of championship calibre. He had a large personal following from the Brownsville section of Brooklyn, and was a popular attraction at the local clubs.

George Chip, of New Castle, Pa., had just cinched his claim to the middleweight title by knocking out Frank Klaus for the second time in Pittsburgh. Chip had never boxed in the New York area, and when his brother, Joe, had to call off a match with McCoy at the Broadway in Brooklyn, George offered to substitute. Joe had beaten McCoy handily enough in a previous meeting, and George felt, naturally, that anybody his brother could whip couldn't be much of a danger to him and the title.

The bout had gone less than a minute, however, when McCoy uncorked a wild left swing that crashed against Chip's chin. Down went George for the full count.

Although tabbed the "Cheese Champion," McCoy held on to the title for three and a half years. Confining his efforts to no-decision bouts then prevalent, McCoy met all the top middleweights of the era, and absorbed some rough pastings, but nobody could put him down for the count, the only way he could have lost the title. He gave Chip a couple of chances to get the laurels back, but George, though he walloped McCoy in lusty fashion both times, was unable to flatten the tough, awkward southpaw. Destiny finally caught up to McCoy. On November 14, 1917, in the last fight staged in New York State under the Frawley law, Al was given a brutal lacing before Mike O'Dowd knocked him out in the sixth round at Brooklyn's Clermont Rink.

Al McCoy, on whom Lady Luck turned her fanciest smile. With one wild swing, the awkward Brooklyn southpaw knocked out George Chip and became world middleweight champion.

IT was an odd twist that O'Dowd, who won the title from one southpaw, should have lost it to another—and to an opponent who didn't rate it.

O'Dowd was not a great champion, but he was a good one, and when he dropped into Boston during the summer of 1920 to meet Johnny Wilson, the episode figured to represent just another payday to Mike.

Wilson, a veteran, fighting nine years, was originally out of New York. Shuttling around the landscape, he had ended up in Boston and become something of a local favorite there.

The bout, a twelve-rounder, was to an official verdict, and when the news flashed out of the Hub that Wilson had been declared winner, a skeptical public shrugged it off as a "home-town decision."

Wilson protested. "Maybe I'm not much of a champion," he admitted, "but if there is one guy I can lick, any time, anywhere, it's Mike O'Dowd."

He proved it a year later when he retained the title by outpointing O'Dowd again in "neutral" Madison Square Garden.

Johnny also proved he wasn't much of a champion by an erratic career that followed the O'Dowd series. Eventually he lost the title to Harry Greb in New York's Polo Grounds in 1923.

CONFUSION ran rampant in the lightweight ranks in 1924 when Benny Leonard announced his retirement as champion. In an effort to determine a successor, the New York State Athletic Commission sponsored an elimination tournament. It became a wide-open scramble, with probably fifty or more entries crowding into it. The tourney spread out over six months before it ended. Sammy Mandell and Sid Terris were generally recognized as the two best lightweights then operating, but neither was destined to win. Terris refused to compete in the eliminations, and Mandell, in his first appearance, was unfortunate to lose on a disqualification to Jimmy Goodrich. It was Goodrich, an ordinary performer, who went on to win the tourney and the title.

"Justice" eventually triumphed, however, when Goodrich lost the laurels to veteran Rocky Kansas in Buffalo, and Kansas, in turn, passed them along to Mandell in Chicago.

UNRATED Freddie (Red) Cochrane accounted for a real sensation in 1941 when he relieved Fritzie Zivic of the welterweight title in Newark. Cochrane, fighting eight years, mainly at the local New Jersey clubs, was listed as just a busy "club fighter." His record was far from impressive, with 62 wins against nine draws and thirty defeats in 101 starts. There were very few "names" in his lengthy list or opponents, and he didn't figure to offer Zivic much more than a brisk workout. But Fritzie, like the little girl in the nursery rhyme, was an unpredictable sort. When he was good, he was very, very good, but when he was bad, he was atrocious. This night he was bad, very bad. Cochrane grabbed the decision and the title.

Freddie had to wait four years to cash in on his good fortune. After he engaged in non-title affairs with Lew Jenkins in New York and Bobby Britton in Miami, the United States entered World War II and Cochrane promptly

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TV & Boxing

By JOHNNY SALAK

THE fantastic success of Theatre Network Television's closed circuit telecast of Rocky Marciano's knockout win over Archie Moore last September, which saw the fight gross $1,300,000 from some 350,000 customers in 129 theatres, has led to all sorts of wild speculation, including a rather idiotic conclusion that a "monthly TV championship fight offering" might be the ideal thing to cash in on this new bonanza.

Oh, no. Let's not start manufacturing world championship bouts just to prove whether we can make a success of theatre-TV or not. In the first place, there aren't enough title bouts to put on a one-a-month show for TNT and for logical reasons of their own a number are grouped all within the same month. And in some instances, though they are world championship events, they don't draw flies in the arena in which they take place, let alone, unless you've got a runaway imagination, hold any hopes of being a money-maker for TNT.

1955 is a good year for anyone with one-a-month theatre-TV ideas in their head to look at. As of now there have been ten title bouts, and three remain scheduled before the end of December. However, two have been held in foreign countries and one was an ersatz N. B. A. title bout, leaving a total of ten.

Of the ten, six, with a stretch of the imagination, were adaptable for theatre-TV, Marciano's bouts with Don Cockell and Archie Moore; Moore's fight with Bobo Olson; Olson's bout with Ray Robinson; and the two Carmen Basilio-Tony DeMarco fights.

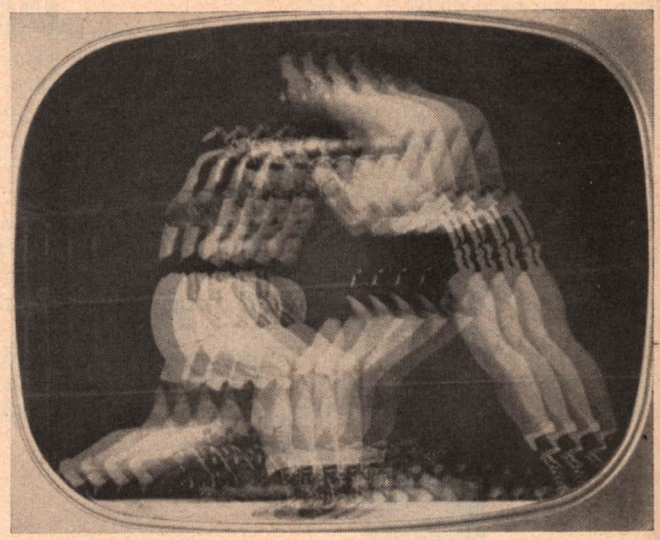
With most of them, success would be decidedly limited and the possibility ever present that it would mean heavy financial loss.

Take the two promotions TNT did decide to screen on a closed circuit this year, Marciano's knockout victories over Don Cockell and Archie Moore. They were, to all intents and purposes, the best available throughout the year, fights in which, supposedly, most interest is maintained, bouts for the biggest stake of all, the heavyweight championship.

And yet, the Marciano-Cockell affair was a dismal box-office flop while the Marciano-Moore fight did a fantastic gross. On the basis of this just how many fights a year could TNT use to good advantage? No more than two or three, also remembering that the commercial sponsors of televised boxing on home free-TV want something other than the run-of-the-mill fight week after week and deserve it, as do the long suffering TV fan, who watches run-of-the-mill fights week after week.

THE British have finally landed. Commercial TV, that is. Mark the date well, September 22, 1955, for the successful invasion of the pitchmen is certain to be a milestone in history, the last bulwark of "stout" British resistance crumbling before an avalanche of words often best left unspoken.

For our poor, unsuspecting British cousins this is still a novelty and their even tempers allow them to snicker and guffaw at the ads that yammer of toothpaste, chocolate drinks and margarine. But time is the true test and it won't be too long before every little biddy of a boy has through his little knobber the incessant jingle and jangle of the maddeningly monotonous commercials, and at the least invite—or even without one—will prove it to you. Those will be the trying days, the only recourse left being a hand across the mouth—but gently, gently—of the young and budding commercialist, with great care taken that he does not get his teeth into the subject and bite the hand that feeds.



With pay-as-you-see TV, the scrambled pattern on a screen of a non-subscriber to the service can be brought into focus by any radio-TV repairman, bringing with it a possibility of a new bootleg era.

The first night of commercial TV in Britain saw a professional bout screened, a Southern Area middleweight title affair in which Lew Lazar won a twelve round decision over Terrance Murphy at Shoreditch (London) Town Hall. Halfway through a hoarse gasp and a voluntary "gore blimey" escaped from the throats of a million male viewers throughout the Isles when the virtues of good old Irish stout (And "What'll you have?") were inserted between rounds. But nowhere was Bill the Bartender to be seen. No doubt he missed the boat on that commercial.

THE long smouldering battle between the St. Nicholas Arena and the DuMont TV Network vs. the Eastern Parkway Arena, in New York, has flared anew with the now defunct promotion out of the Parkway in Brooklyn aiming to establish itself once again and insisting that it run on Monday nights.

Should their promotional license be granted it would see the only two New York clubs running on a weekly basis (Madison Square Garden going only if and when nothing else interferes), both operating on a Monday night and both televised.

According to the rule book there is nothing to stop the Brooklyn promoters from going with their shows on the same night as St. Nick's, it clearly being stated that no more than one show can run on any given night in the same borough. Brooklyn, in the World Series, proved it was out of this world.

Tex Sullivan, head man at St. Nick's, which has had a clear field since Eastern Parkway ceased operations several months ago—and has enjoyed it—was vehement in his decision to battle any attempt by Eastern Parkway to resume operations on Monday night.

"I understand," said Sullivan, "that the Parkway is starting up again and that their show'll be carried over WPIX (New York) on Monday nights. If that is the case, I will visit Julius Helfand, chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission, and set up a real howl.

"It's absurd to have rival Monday night boxing shows. And the St. Nick should get all the consideration in the world. The St. Nick has been on Monday night in boxing as long as anyone can remember.

"I am going to Helfand first chance I get and protest violently against this thing. After all, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday are still available. Why take Monday when we run? I hope that Helfand sees the light."

Helfand no doubt sees the light and the wisdom but whether he can do anything about it is another matter.

WITH the coming of pay-as-you-see television, and it is coming, a new "bootleg" era in American history is due to fall upon us. A scrambled pattern on the screen of a TV set owner who does not subscribe to the service can be brought into focus by any radio-TV repairman.

Milton J. Shapp, president of Jerrold Electronics Corp. of Philadelphia, discussing just such an eventuality, said that coded television signals (formless patterns flowing across the screen) would be an invitation to chaos with thousands of TV service shops becoming humming "distilleries" for the bootleg decoding devices.

"There is no known system for coding a broadcast television signal that cannot be broken with ridiculous ease," said Shapp.

Mr. Shapp recently gave the Federal Communications Commission, now considering several plans for subscription television, the specifications for a completely automatic decoder which will reassemble clean pictures regardless of the encoding method used.

A decoding device to put the television picture back together will cost the same to build as the cost of the coder which took it apart, Mr. Shapp explained. And many thousands of electronic hobbyists, amateur radio builders and ham wireless fans will be able to look at one device and discover how to build the other.

It will amount to no more than an undo-it-yourself kit, available as components in any radio parts store. For others, he predicted there would be plenty of service available in every neighborhood.

Mr. Shapp has proposed a wire-carried system of subscription television, based on the pattern of community television systems now used in 300 communities outside the TV broadcast range. The Jerrold Electronics company has built and installed 80 percent of these systems. He has proposed that the idea be tried immediately in the 3,000 homes served by the Green Mountain system in Vermont.

Mr. Shapp estimated that city TV sets could be wired for subscription service at a cost of $45 to $75 a home. The system would not interfere with sets not associated with the service.

WHOLESALE peddling of counterfeit tickets showed up in several theatres for the Marciano-Moore fight, a condition that has been on the increase with these theatre-TV closed circuit telecasts.

The problem is difficult to overcome because the tickets used by the theatres are easy to duplicate and, in most cases, there is no numbering of seats which would make it easier to trace the counterfeits.

In Syracuse, at least four bogus tickets turned up and were believed to have been made from engravings taken from legitimate tickets.

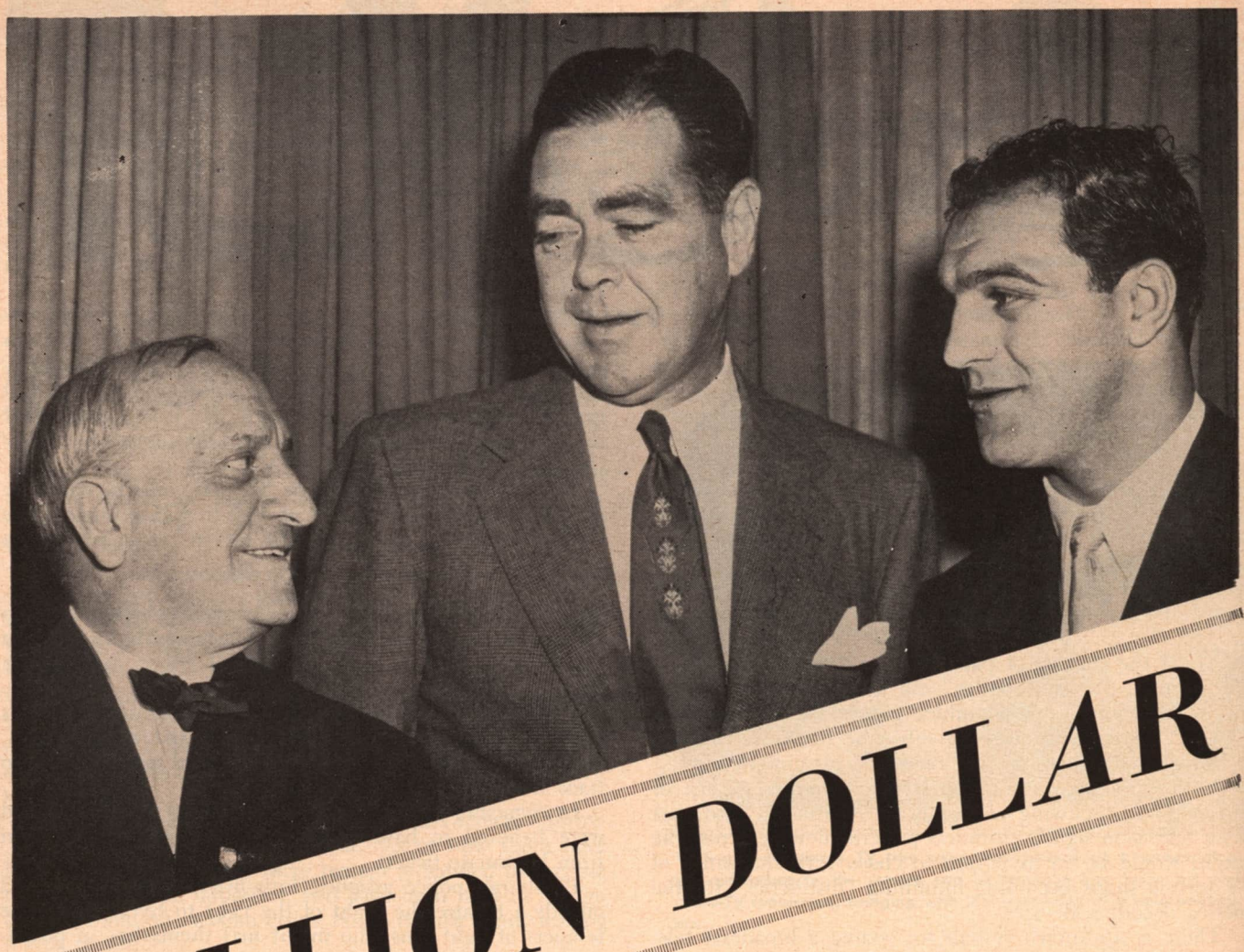
Pittsburgh police assigned forty-five patrolmen to stand outside a theatre the night of the fight to try and cool the tempers of fight fans who might find themselves in possession of bogus tickets to the televised showing.

Assistant Police Superintendent Lawrence J. Maloney said "several hundred" counterfeit tickets apparently had been put into circulation, with the tickets selling for $4 each.

WEEKLY TV BOXING SCHEDULE

CLUB	CITY	STATION	ANNOUNCER
MONDAY			
ST. NICHOLAS ARENA	NEW YORK	DUMONT TV NETWORK	CHRIS SCHENKEL
† MONT. ST. LOUIS	MONTREAL	CBFT	MIKE NORMANDIN
TUESDAY			
MOTOR CITY ARENA	DETROIT	WWJ-TV	BILL FLEMING
WEDNESDAY			
WEDNESDAY NIGHT FIGHTS	(EMANATING FROM VARIOUS CITIES)	ABC-TV NETWORK	RUSS HODGES and JACK DREES
COLISEO	MEXICO CITY	XH-TV	JULIO SOTELO
THURSDAY			
OLYMPIC AUDITORIUM	LOS ANGELES	KCOP-TV	REID KILPATRICK
FRIDAY			
‡ CAVALCADE OF SPORTS	NEW YORK and OTHER CITIES	NBC-TV NETWORK	JIMMY POWERS
SATURDAY			
STUDIO	CLEVELAND	WEWS	JIM GRANER and JACK DAVIS
LEGION STADIUM	HOLLYWOOD	KHJ-TV	BILL SYMES
COLISEO	MEXICO CITY	XEW-TV	PACO MALGESTO and ANTONIO ANDERE

† Every other Monday.
‡ Also heard over the ABC Radio Network, Don Dunphy and Win Elliot, announcers.



MILLION DOLLAR

By NAT FLEISCHER

Nat Fleischer Interviews Jim Norris, head of the I.B.C., on how it feels to promote a Million Dollar Gate

HOW does it feel to hit the million dollar pot as a promoter?

That's a query I put to James D. Norris, president of the International Boxing Club and Madison Square Garden, which organization staged the recent heavyweight championship bout between Rocky Marciano and Archie Moore at the Yankee Stadium. A contest that was viewed and heard by more people than ever before in the long history of pugilism.

"How does it feel", he replied as he sat in his arm chair in the Garden, his brown eyes looking at me with a glint that seemed to give me his answer without the aid of words.

"What more can I say than that I've experienced a thrill

THRILL

that comes with the fulfillment of an ambition. Ever since the I. B. C. took over the promotion of boxing from Mike Jacobs, I've been waiting for this day.

"Naturally I'm elated to know that after more than six years my organization has reached the goal for which we aimed since entering the boxing field. It's a satisfaction—a delightful feeling to realize through the people who made it possible for the fight to reach the million dollar mark, that our work on behalf of the much maligned sport has not been in vain."

Was your thrill any different from that experienced when your hockey teams won the Stanley Cup or when one of your race horses sprinted past the finishing post a winner?, I asked, to stir him into an ecstatic state.

"In a way, yes," he replied. It was like hitting the jackpot unexpectedly. I didn't think there was a championship match that could draw more than 50,000 persons and gross a gate such as we drew. There was something in the huge success that came like the realization of a dream and with it the thrill which, as one often hears expressed, comes but once in a life time.

"Not that I don't think we're ever again going to hit the million dollar mark. I'm sure there'll be several others if we can give the public the crowd pleasing fighters we had in opposite corners for our last Yankee Stadium show. But it's always the first in anything that counts most and leaves a never-to-be-forgotten impression."

Now that the big event is over and the I. B. C., fighters, business men in New York and boxing itself reaped the reward of your gigantic promotion, would you say that the financial success pleased you most?

"Far from it," Norris replied. "What made me most happy was the knowledge that the huge gathering at the Stadium, the thousands who watched the Theatre TV and the millions on every continent to which the fight was beamed, attested to the popularity of the sport. When I went home I wondered what those who have been clamoring for the deathknell of boxing would have to say. I think that Marciano and Moore and the throng that paid more than a million dollars to see the action, gave the answer."

And then, keyed to a point where his enthusiasm as a sportsman carried him away, he went on:

"You know, boxing is a business with many heartaches and many headaches but it is also a business in which one can, on occasion, gain a great measure of satisfaction. This is especially true, of course, when the fight turns out to be a real good one as was the Marciano-Moore bout. And it is even more especially true when one is associated as promotor with a contest that enters the million dollar field.

"When I say million dollar fight I am thinking not only of gate receipts but rather of the kind of contest it turned out to be. The thousands who paid their way into the theatres and the Stadium, got their money's worth in full."

"Do you think that the National Boxing Association will continue its pressure for a Federal investigation of boxing considering the presence of nation's finest people, including the Governors of seven States and many U. S. Congressmen and Senators at the ringside, getting as much of a kick out of the fight as did the humble folks in the bleachers?", I inquired.

"I've often said that there is nothing basically wrong with boxing that a good championship fight couldn't cure. So have you. We stand on common ground in that respect.

"I sincerely believe that the vast outpouring of fans for the Marciano-Moore bout reflects the genuine good health of boxing, regardless of the hue-and-cry that goes up from disgruntled people every now and then. As in any business —and boxing is a business of gigantic proportions—we find some undesirables but we don't condemn all in it because of that.

"We try to root out that clan and as I said on my recent TV appearance with Harry Wismer, Boxing Commissions in every State have the power granted them through legislative action, to handle the affair without the need for Federal help. Failure on their part indicates a weakness and I again repeat what I have frequently said, commissions that call for outside help, admit their weakness and shouldn't hold down the job to which they've been appointed.

"I'm confident that the fans of America who saw the fight or listened to it on radio, if asked for a vote of confidence in boxing, would not hesitate to do so. The Marciano-Moore bout gave boxing an uplift which it needed.

"I see no need for any Federal investigation. I think that those who voted for such at the recent National Boxing Association convention feel as I do after what they saw at the Yankee Stadium."

Then, after halting to accept congratulations from Julius Helfand, Chairman of the New York Boxing Commission, Norris continued:

"Here was a fight, too, in which both victor and vanquished finished with millions of new friends. I'm certain that even those TV fans who according to the recent Gallup poll thought that almost all fights are fixed, changed their mind. That's what Marciano and Moore did for the sport and for this I'm most grateful.

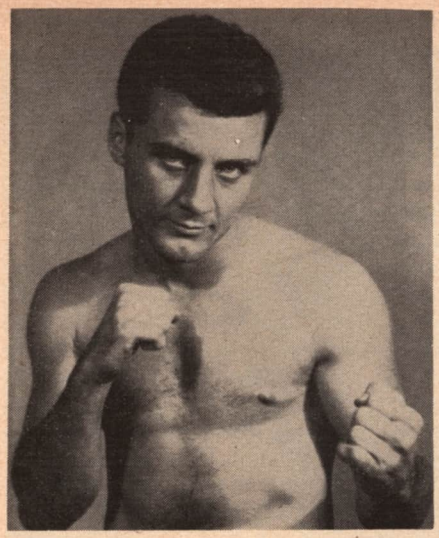
"I'm also grateful to each for the kind of battle they staged. I'm grateful to my staff, for the fine job it did. I'm grateful also to the hundreds of fans from all parts of our country, who have written and wired me congratulating the International Boxing Club for the excellent promotion."

Asked who he had in mind as Rocky's next opponent, Norris said that nothing will be done on that score until next March.

"Al Weill has definitely decided on keeping Rocky idle until June. That means that we will have to stage an elimination in all probability to pick the man best suited as a drawing card. We'll let the boys fight it out."

And so Jim Norris closed his interview, beaming as Harry Markson, his Director of Boxing, tossed another pile of telegrams on Norris' desk.

New Faces by fred eisenstadt



Pat Maher, Yorkville, N. Y. welterweight, who shapes up as a good prospect.

PAT MAHER

BEING a descendent of the immortal heavyweight, Peter Maher, will do me no good," declares welterweight Pat Maher, "unless I prove myself worthy in the ring." And the pleasant blue-eyed youth is proceeding to follow his own recipe. Though he lost his first two pro battles, he triumphed in the following four–showing remarkable improvement with each bout. He is strong and willing, likes to advance and bang away with both fists. "I intend to learn the finer points of boxing with experience," he says.

Born in the Yorkville section of New York, on Jan. 2, 1932, Patrick William Maher is one of seven brothers and one sister. His oldest brother was killed, serving in the Air Force, in 1944. "My father," informs Pat, "died in an accident one year later."

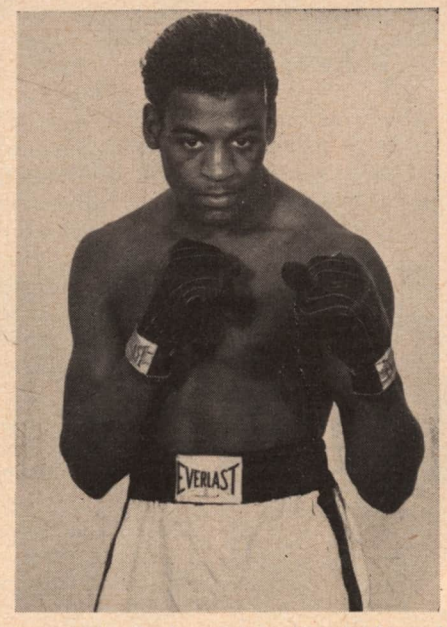
Maher started boxing at the PAL, at the age of 13, took part in thirty fights, lost two. At sixteen he entered the amateurs and won all his five contests. "My brother Chick, a former boxer," says Pat, "taught me plenty."

Pat left high school in the second term and enlisted in the Army–serving one year. On his return to civilian life, the powerful lad went to work on Pier 90, North River, as a longshoreman. On Aug. 17, 1953, he began sock exchanging for cash under the care of Jimmy "Bowtie" Bronson and Henry Beckman.

Maher lost his first pro bout to Jimmy Meehan, then dropped a close duke to Ray Appollo. Since then he has whipped Philip Sabater–(twice).

"I broke my left arm roller skating when I was seven," smiled the likable Pat, "but it gave me no trouble after healing. In fact, it's now my best ring weapon."

Jimmy O'Donnell, Dept. of Parks boxing instructor aided Maher in gaining fistic pointers.



A promising featherweight is Dave Walden of Youngstown, Ohio.

DAVE WALDEN

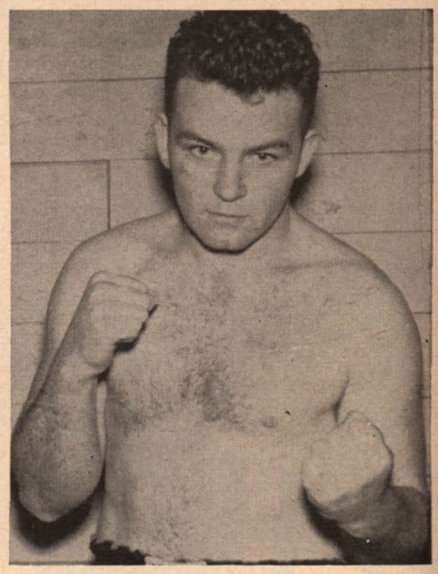
THOUGH he's soft-spoken, courteous and mild-mannered, Dave Walden is a hundred percent fighter once he steps into the ring. At the sound of the gong Walden, who was born in Youngstown, Ohio, on Aug. 24, 1935, moves toward his rival and begins tossing punches. In 35 amateur bouts and nine in the pro ranks Dave never has been forced to hold or back away. His determined spirit, courageous heart and aggressive style should bring fistic rewards to this pleasing featherweight.

One of 5 brothers and five sisters–all living–Walden left grammer school while in the 9th grade. "I became interested in boxing by watching fighters train in my hometown. I entered the amateurs in 1952 and won 31 out of 45 contests–fighting as a bantam."

Dave came to New York 2 years ago to seek glory in the ring. He began as a pro under the management of James Alberti in 1954 and has lost one decision, boxed four on even terms and triumphed four times.

"His fights at Madison Square Garden," reminds trainer Chickie Ferrara, "were all thrillers–had the fans applauding Dave and inquiring when he will show there again. The kid never stops throwing wallops whether he's getting hit or not."

Five-foot-four, weighing 128 pounds, Walden may soon be forced to step out of the four-round class and meet stiffer competition–which is okay with him and his manager, who says, "Dave is ready for anyone his weight."



Bob O'Brien, the "Fighting Irishman," whose strong points are his strength and determination.

BOB O'BRIEN

THOUGH he's taken part in but six professional fights, Bob O'Brien displays plenty of promise as a heavyweight. Sure, and he's a fine broth of a boy–six feet tall and tipping the beam at 190 pounds. He has the courage and fighting spirit of the Irish and –best of all–he's young, having been born in New York on March 17, 1936. He frankly admits that strength, determination and aggressiveness is what he mostly depends on in the ring at present, "but I'm picking up boxing points as I go along," he avers.

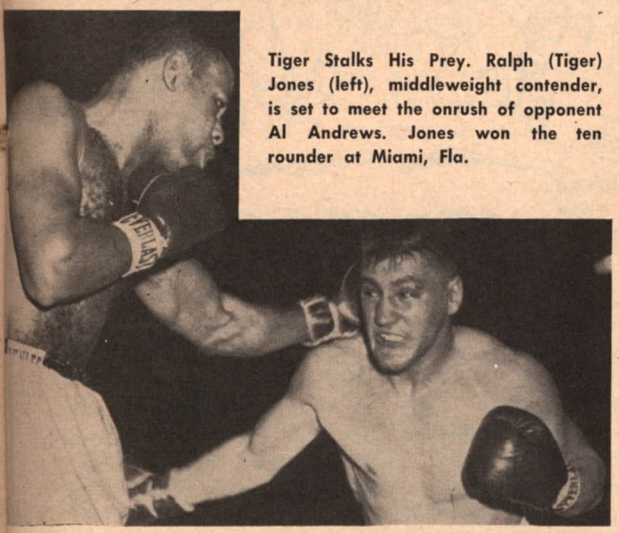
Exceptionally pleasant and intelligent, second of 4 brothers, Robert Michael O'Brien–whose father, a former Police Captain, died last year –quit high school to work for a construction company. "Boxing sort of came to me naturally," he informs. "Under the instruction of Nick and Dan Florio I worked out at Stillman's gym. In 1952 I entered the amateurs and won eleven out of 15 contests."

Bob turned pro in 1954 under Frankie Madden, losing two of his six bouts both to seasoned Frank Gioseffi. He won three and boxed one draw.

"At present I'm working as a dock laborer for the Erie Railroad Co.," says the promising heavyweight. "I live with my mother. My hobby? It's hunting. My favorite music?" He grins and reveals: "Hillbilly."

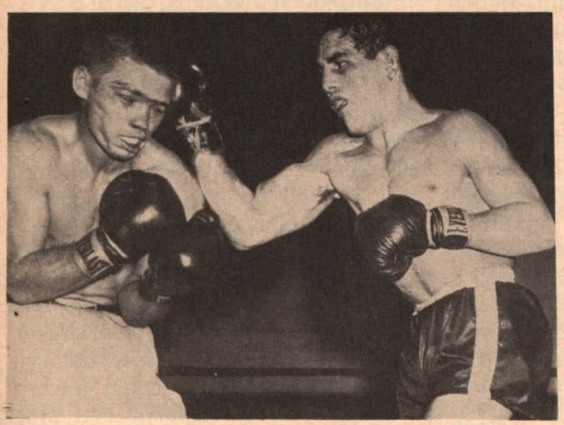
While in high school, O'Brien was freshman backstroke champion in 1949-50. During his stint in the service–Eleventh Airborne Division, paratroopers–he took part in five fights, winning them.

VIEWS OF THE MONTH



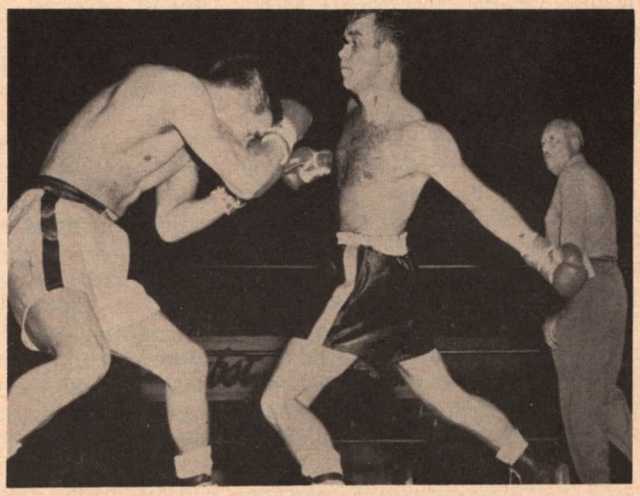
Tiger Stalks His Prey. Ralph (Tiger) Jones (left), middleweight contender, is set to meet the onrush of opponent Al Andrews. Jones won the ten rounder at Miami, Fla.

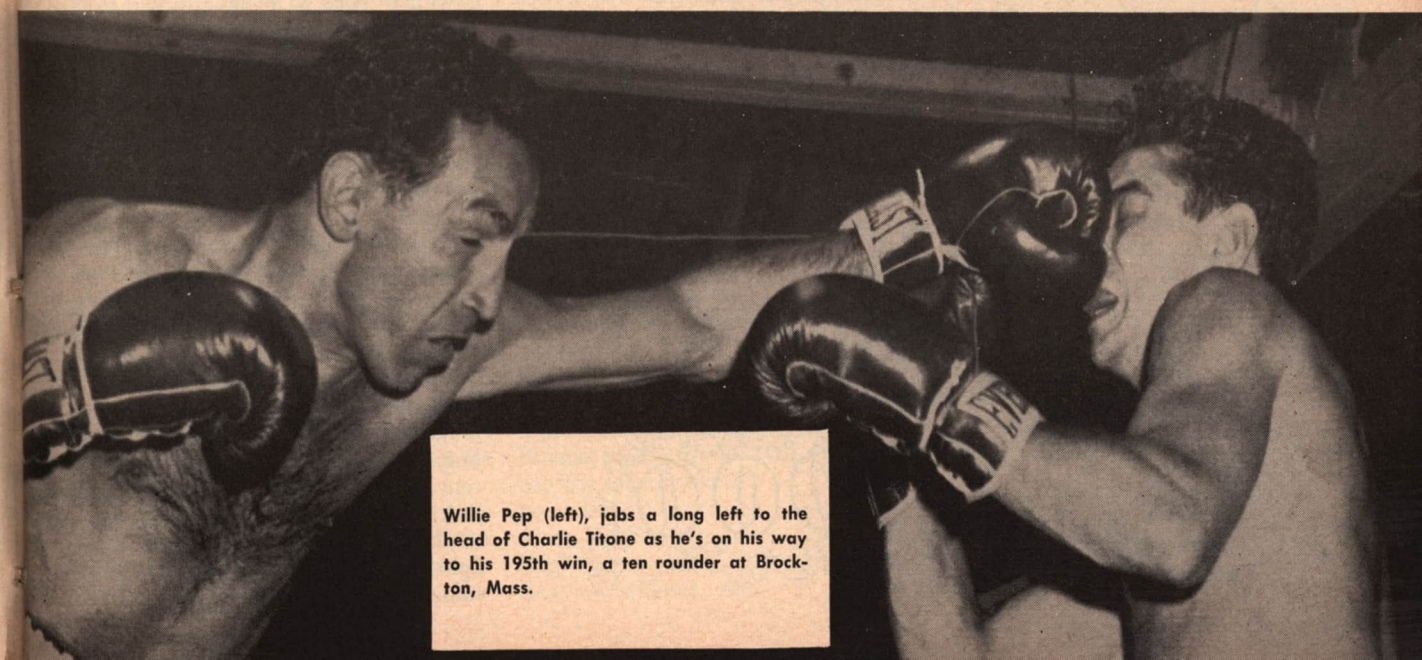
Willie Pastrano (left), high ranking light heavy, made mince meat of Paddy Young, flooring him twice and slicing him up as he won a unanimous ten rounds decision at New Orleans.



Lulu Perez (right), pokes a right at the head of Bobby Courchesne during their hectic bout at St. Nicholas Arena. Perez won the ten round decision.

Eddie Chavez (left), covers up as he sees one coming from way back, thrown by Glen Flanagan in their lightweight bout at Richmond, Calif. Chavez, making a fine comback, won the ten round decision.

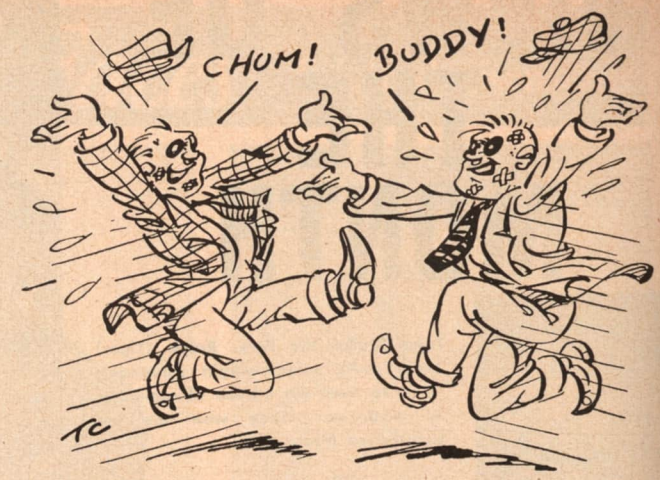




Willie Pep (left), jabs a long left to the head of Charlie Titone as he's on his way to his 195th win, a ten rounder at Brockton, Mass.

Friendly Feuds

By TED CARROLL



...AFTER THE BATTLE THE BEST OF PALS..!..

NOW that all the hullabaloo, whoop-de-doo, and ballyhoo of the big fight is past and gone, Archie Moore and Rocky Marciano are exposed as having been boon buddies all the time, and why shouldn't a couple of guys who've made each other rich, be that way about each other.

"He meant what he said at North Adams," was the sportsmanlike Champion's first comment on the microphone following the smash-hit heavy title bout.

"It was a pleasure to have fought him," came back the well-spoken Moore, moments later in the same ring.

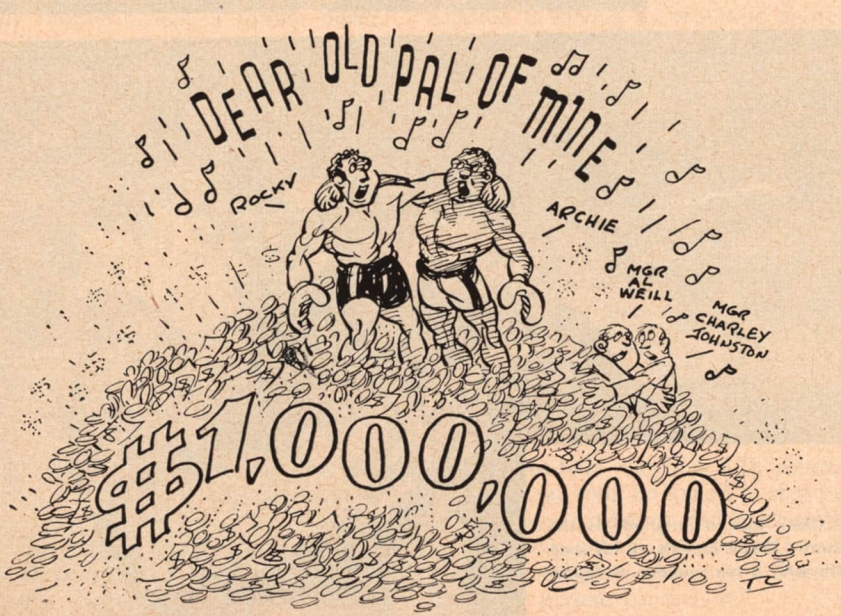
While no one ever thinks about it in that light, rival pugilists are actually business partners who get together and share jointly—and jucily in the case of Rocky and Archie—in the profits of the violence practiced upon each other. Strangely enough, it is almost impossible to find a business in which there is less ill will between the actual competitors than there is in professional boxing. If anything some budding enmities, are often dissolved once the boys have gotten together in the ring and been paid off after the battle.

In this connection, an incident involving a present day New York restaurant owner, and a local referee is recalled, both title contenders of 25 years ago. When the now-referee was propositioned about a match with the current restaurateur, he exploded;

"What, fight that guy! Never! The only way I'll fight him is in the street with bare fists!"

This chap meant what he said, since they never met in the ring. So as far as anyone knows their feelings remain the same after a quarter of a century.

Such emotions, were quite prevalent among boxers in the long ago but have become just about extinct as the years march on. It's hard to recall a real honest-to-goodness feud in the past twenty years. Not that imaginative publicists haven't done their best to concoct them, as in the recent Marciano-Moore publicity barrage.



It didn't jell here since practical Al Weill took all the wind out of this ballyhoo balloon by commenting;

"Mad at Moore? How can you be mad at a guy who's giving you this kind of a payday? I'm glad at him, Rocky's glad at him, and Rocky's whole family should be glad at him."

Probably the phoniest fistic feud of all time was the Louis-hated-Schmeling hokum, a fable which persisted stubbornly until Schmeling visited this country again two years ago, and was not only greeted with almost brotherly affection by Louis, but Max hob-nobbed with the old Bomber for a couple of days out in Chicago.

It will come as a surprise to the present generation of fight fans, to learn that Gene Tunney, of all people, was the last famous fighter with a Hatfield-M'Coy temperament. Gene, although a gentleman otherwise, could reach a boiling point of indignation over prospective foes and critical newsmen, matched by few fighters since bare-knuckle times.

When Mike M'Tigue returned from Ireland the world's light heavyweight champion, he ridiculed Gene's U. S. light heavyweight title, which so incensed the sensitive Tunney, he accosted M'Tigue while both were on the road up at a Saratoga Springs training camp, and challenged the Irishman to settle things right then and there, once and for all. The unruffled Mike soothed the feelings of the irate Tunney with a bit of blarney, reminding Gene that after all, they were not amateurs but professionals who should get paid for any fighting done.

Tunney thoroughly disliked rival contenders, Jack Sharkey and Young Stribling, among others, and although a recent news release portrayed himself and Jack Dempsey waltzing through a revival of their famous Soldiers' Field fight of 28 years ago, this sort of chumminess between the two is a rather

recent development. Tunney was notoriously cool towards the Manassa Mauler for a long time after he won the title from him.

Tunney's vendettas with various writers rivalled his feuds with fellow fighters. Stung by press criticism, Gene arose at a banquet one evening and with outraged dignity, admonished the guests, to "Consider the Source" before giving heed to what any writer had to say.

Gene broke off speaking relations with veteran sports scribe Robert Edgren with whom he had been friendly, after Edgren declared that Dempsey had been jobbed out of regaining his title, by the long count mixup in Chicago in 1927.

He marked famed humorist Bugs Baer off his list, when Bugs wrote, "If there had been a gate in the ring, Tunney would have gone through it," in referring to Dempsey's knockdown over Tunney in the 7th round in Chicago.

The years have mellowed the easily riled Gene, although he was engaged in a slight rhubarb with Billy Conn, some years ago. He has always been very fond of Joe Louis. He took a dim view of rival Harry Wills in his fighting days, but now considers the old Brown Panther a genuine credit to boxing and frequently says so.

Looking back through the pages of boxing history, one is inclined to believe that gentlemen prefer feuds, since running far ahead of the field in animosity towards rivals is none other than "Gentleman Jim" Corbett. The stately, debonair, and classically clever Californian had them all topped here. He detested Fitzsimmons with an intensity which sounds fantastic in this age.

"If you don't give me a return match I'll attack you on the street!" threatened the "gentlemanly" James J. after Fitz had won his title way back in 1897.

A famed old-time picture shows Corbett, derby atilt, in a snarling refusal to John L. Sullivan, when the old champ attempted to visit Jim Jeffries at Jeff's training camp back in 1910. Corbett hated fellow Californian Joe Choynski, and instead of shaking hands with English Charlie Mitchell, when they met in Florida in 1894, he spat at him!

When Jeffries showed a disinclination to work up a hate against Jack Johnson, Corbett, a training aide, took up the slack here and became embroiled with the Galveston Giant in vivid verbal attacks. Of all of his foes, Corbett showed a liking for only Peter Jackson, the Australian Negro, whom he faced in a legendary meeting back in the Nineties.

Boston Jack Sharkey was subject to gusty fits of temperament in which he railed against his rivals, but his words were usually forgotten minutes after

they were uttered. Billy Conn was much the same, sounding off every now and then against somebody, but these outbursts had none of the longevity of those Corbett and Tunney.

The match which generated the most hateful atmosphere of all time, the Jeffries-Johnson meeting in 1910, did not infect the principles with its virulence. Johnson, down to his last days, owned up to a respect and liking for the old Boilermaker, who to his everlasting credit, did not join in the choleric chorus of bitterness which resounded throughout the country.

Years later Johnson was to say, *"Jefferies was a gentleman, and the cleanest fighter I ever met. He could have gotten away with anything when we met, but he fought as cleanly as any man could."*

It seems that the rougher and tougher he is in the ring, the less disposed a fighter is to harsh feeling outside of it. Old timer Terry M'Govern, Rocky Graziano, Dempsey, Mickey Walker and of course Rocky Marciano, tried to tear their opponents apart once the gong sounded, but were everybody's pals—including the opponent—when the firing was over.

On the other hand, American observers were shocked by the bitter feelings between the British boxing wizards, Owen Moran and Jem Driscoll when the two came to this country many years ago. On several occasions, the little Englishmen had to be separated before they came to blows.

The late Leo P. Flynn, back in the Twenties, had an exceptional boxer named Panama Joe Gans, who had the misfortune to be active at a time when the fortunes of Negro boxers were at their lowest point. Although weighing only about 150 pounds, he was obliged to campaign against light heavies and heavies to keep busy, and became a bitter frustrated man. Referred to as the "colored welter and middleweight champion," Gans took the challenges of rivals most seriously, and became furious when one Willie Walker, a Harlem fighter, disputed Gans' claims.

The sharp-tempered Gans accepted this defy, promising to name the round and manner in which he would stop this upstart. The pair met in Jess M'Mahon's old Commonwealth S. C. in Harlem and Gans made good his boast. He gave the Harlemite a thorough trouncing before stopping him in a late round as he said he would.

The cantankerous Gans even succeeded in aggravating stablemate Kid Norfolk, an amiable, docile soul, to such a pitch that a gymnasium battle between the two took place with the light heavyweight putting the loose-tongued lighter man in his place after just three minutes of one-sided milling.

On the other extreme was the late Tiger Flowers, the old Georgia Deacon, who expressed his fraternal feeling for his foes by solemnly intoning prayers for them before every fight.

Opinions change and what was considered sincerity of purpose and natural feeling in olden times, is decried as poor sportsmanship and bad manners today. This no doubt accounts for the disappearance of the feuding fist fighter of old.

Joe Louis had a lot to do with this change in attitude. The public became so used to Joe's dignified deportment during his fighting days that it became the style for boxers to accept defeat graciously and victory modestly. Bragadoccio became most unpopular, although in the case of Moore, the public, as well as Marciano himself, recognized it as nothing more than a box-office hypo, and refused to take it seriously. Even Marciano and his manager, Al Weill give credit to Moore's gabfest at North Adams as the big selling point in their recent bout.

Nat FLEISCHER *says:*

COMMERCIAL television made its debut in the British Isles on September 22 when under the supervision of Jack Solomons, the TV viewers saw Lew Lazar, the lanky Aldgate middleweight win the Southern Area championship at Shoreditch in a bout with Terrance Murphy of Canning Town.

What did the British think of the innovation?

The TV bout, described as one of the fastest, finest twelve round affairs of the year, was a treat for the boxing enthusiasts but did not gain the wholehearted support of the public, according to the reports. With the limited area to which the telecast was confined, no fair appraisal could be obtained on the public's reaction. As Solomons, who is working with the broadcasting company as coordinator, stated, *"it will take far more than this one show to give us an idea of how far we can go with television on a commercial basis."*

Johnny Sharpe, Ring correspondent reporting on the reaction of the public to the first commercial TV boxing show, wrote:

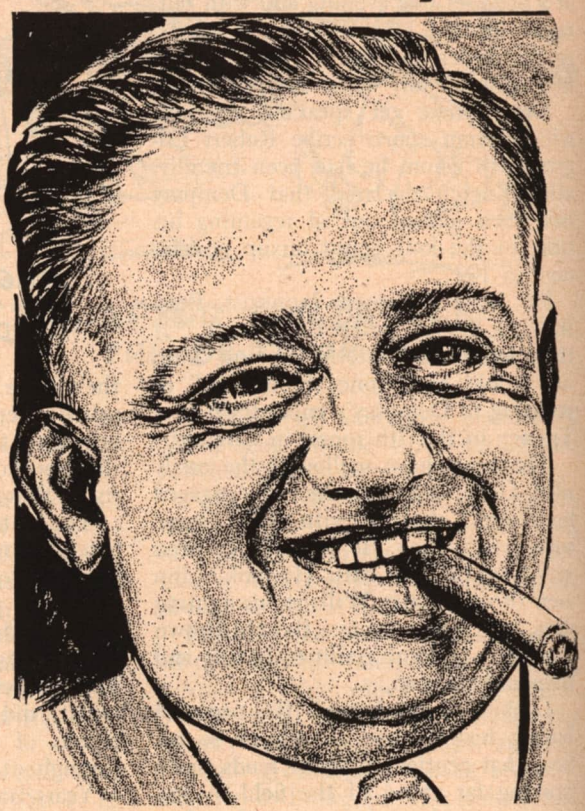
"In this bout, TV did not affect the gate. So far as the crowd was concerned, there was no loss in patronage. What may take place later, is a conjecture. The possibility that the clubs will suffer as they have in the States, is there.

"The fact that the Lazar-Murphy bout was the kind that makes new friends for the sport, is more likely than not to keep the fans in line due to the eagerness of the flight enthusiasts to be ringside spectators and the shortage of TV sets in England compared to the United States. And added to that is the government tax placed on all sets.

"Naturally, with the same shortage of boxers in our country as exists in the States, and the small clubs suffering badly from lack of patronage, the promoters of such organizations are jittery. They feel that the TV boxing shows will put a larger dent into the small clubs' coffers. Since none of Jack Solomons' major productions will be televised and his gates cannot be affected to any degree due to sell outs for most of his shows, only the minor organizations are certain to feel the pressure of television.

"When Solomons made his bid for the Marciano-Cockell bout for White City Stadium, it will be recalled that he appealed for permission to have paid home TV to help finance the huge purse he offered Rocky. Of course there wasn't a chance of gaining permission from the authorities for such a move. But it was good publicity.

"But now that commercial telecasts are here, the same fear that Americans have that eventually pay-as-you-see home TV will become an actuality in the near future, has taken a hold on the Britishers. There is far more behind commercial telecasts than what appears on the surface. At least that seems to be the reaction of the public following the first commercial showing."



Jack Solomons, colorful London promoter, still manages to smile after absorbing three stunning jolts in recent weeks, Randy Turpin's knockout by undistinguished Gordon Wallace being the latest.

JIM NORRIS' VIEWS ON PAY-AT-HOME TV

Which brings me to an interview I had with Jim Norris, head of the International Boxing Club and his chief aide, Harry Markson, General Director, following the recent Marciano-Moore bout. Big Jim, sitting in his Garden office with Markson had received a call from Nat Halpern, head of the Theatre Network Television which handled the I.B.C.'s theatre television, reporting that more than a million dollars had been paid by those who viewed the fight from a theatre screen.

Jim was elated. His smile broadened as he phoned the message to General Kilpatrick, Chairman of the Board of Madison Square Garden.

Why shouldn't the boss of world boxing be elated? Amazing figures? Indeed!

It was something the late Mike Jacobs had dreamed of but which no one ever expected would come true.

I was eager to learn from Norris the significance of this astounding gate, paid by fans who were charged as high as $7.50 per person in some cities.

Jim, I asked, does this indicate anything special to you in TV boxing for the future?

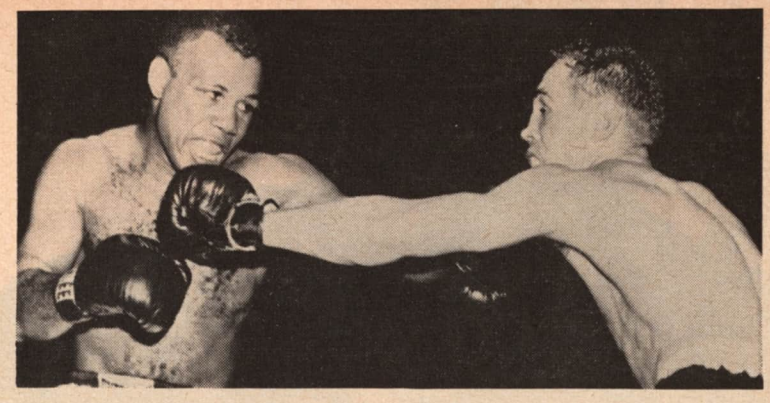
"I don't care to make a prediction. We'll let the future take care of itself, but I was just discussing the report with Harry and we agree that the figures prove the fight fan whose interest in any show like this Marciano-Moore affair is keen, will pay for television if that's the only way or perhaps the best way for him to see the fight," answered Jim.

MAY BE CONVINCER FOR HOME PAY TV

Discussing the subject further with an executive of a station that has been eager to receive the green light for home pay-as-you-see television, he remarked that theatre

television by its whooping success in the recent heavyweight title bout, may be the convincer for home pay TV.

"If a great number of fight fans are willing to pay their way to see a title bout as was recently demonstrated from a screen in a theatre and they know that they could see the same thing on their home television set if there were pay-as-you-see TV, it's my belief that the theatres would be empty since they could get the contest at home for cheaper than they could via the theatre. But, of course, the event must be outstanding, such as was the Marciano-Moore bout," he added.

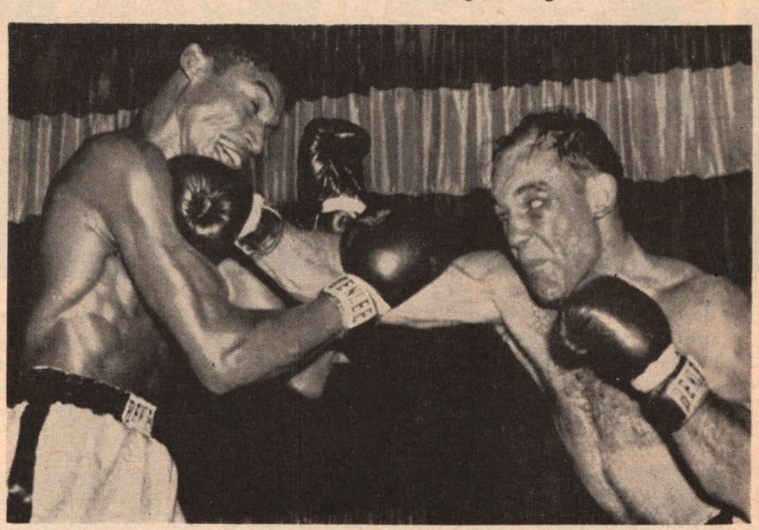


An international match, televised from the Cleveland Arena, enabled Ralph Tiger Jones (left), Yonkers, N. Y., to regain a place among the first ten in the middleweight division when he scored a unanimous decision over Chris Christensen Danish champion, in ten rounds. The photo at right shows Chris connecting with a stinging left to Jones' chin.

Joe Roberts, another Norris aide, the man who handles the TV business for the International Boxing Club and helps Markson with the details, had this to say when interviewed on pay-as-you-see TV:

"When one considers that the gate supplied by the live audience at the Yankee Stadium for the Marciano-Moore contest was less than the figures reached in 131 theatres around the country where via the closed circuit the fight was seen in 92 cities from coast to coast, it proved in my opinion, that, given a fine, extraordinary attraction, whether it be boxing, football or baseball or any other sport, people are willing to pay for the privilege of watching the telecast. What is more, in many cases they not only are willing to pay for their admission, but a parking lot fee, a restaurant bill, a bar bill and probably other incidental expenses.

"What does that signify? I think it points to one thing—if and when the government gives the green light for pay-as-you-see home TV, the murmurs now heard against its adoption will soon pass and the favorite sports programs now seen free at home, will cost a small fee that in some cases, will yield a gross unforeseen by the pioneers of television."



Chuck Speiser, (right), crashing his right to the chin of Willie Troy whom he stopped in the fifth round in their bout in Washington. Spesier, who was two time NCAA light heavyweight champ and was a member of the US Olympic team at Helsinki, crashed his way into the Ring's international ratings.

PROMOTERS SEARCH FOR SOLUTION TO LOSSES

Sports promoters, especially in boxing, baseball, football and basketball have been searching for a solution to their loss problem. They have been trying hard to draw up some formula whereby they could make both ends meet and have a wee bit left for themselves.

The small clubs in the minor leagues of baseball, the minor boxing clubs and operators of other sports programs, by degrees have been forced to shut down due to the inroads made by television. The fees paid to the IBC under its exclusive contract with Pabst Blue Ribbon Beer, the Gillette Razor Company and the Mennen Shaving products helps the Norris organization to keep boxing alive in its domain. But that doesn't help the small clubs which, in a broad sense, no longer exists. They have been driven to the wall.

How will pay-as-you-see home TV help such minor organizations? It won't.

The salvation of the small club is subsidization. It is up to the major boxing outfits, those who are fortunate to allay themselves with the IBC for televised fights, to come to the rescue by sponsoring small clubs in order to build up the talent necessary to interest the public sufficiently in boxing to make it worth their while to remain at home and watch the show on TV.

HOME PATRONAGE DROPS WHEN INTEREST LAGS

Under such conditions, except where a major contest of interest is staged, would pay-as-you-see TV make any progress in the homes? Despite the optomistic views of the backers of home paid TV, in the opinion of **"The Ring,"** based on an investigation made by our correspondents, the answer is no.

Though millions listened to the broadcast of the Marciano-Moore fight and thousands saw it on theatre TV and later in the movies, home patronage is not what the sponsors of weekly fights had hoped for on nights when ordinary contests are staged. The ratings have big fluctuations, based on the calibre of the shows.

The public will pay for what it wants, but even a world title fight won't draw the folks to the theatres or keep them looking at TV fights at home if the interest lags.

The Marciano-Moore fight must be regarded as an exception. It cannot and must not be taken as a measure for urging our national government to put its O.K. on home paying TV.

Much more than one big fight or one major football game is required as a true test.

RUN OF BAD LUCK FOR JACK SOLOMONS

The shocking knockout of Randy Turpin by the previously undistinguished Canadian, Gordon Wallace, climaxed the most disastrous spell of promoting in Jack Solomons' career.

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BEASTLY AFFAIRS

cKinney Sparred It Out With 'Pal Joey'

This Was Gorilla Warfare.

Ex-Gob Now Ready To Oppose Human

By JIMMY MILLER

This is not an excerpt from Ripley, and you can believe it or not, but—

Fritzie McKinney, the North Side welterweight, whose next ring appearance will be at The Gardens Monday night, once fought—of all things—a gorilla.

McKinney's combat with the hairy beast did not take place in Africa, but in an amusement center, where people go supposedly for fun.

Frank was in the Navy at the time, which was 1953, when he and a few of his Gob pals, in order to get away from it all, went to Ocean View Park, Norfolk, Va.

FRITZIE McKINNEY in this corner

have it. McKinney was holder of three Navy mitt titles just then — the Tidewater, Atlantic Fleet and Destroyer Force—and according to his tight-pants buddies was the logical one to do battle with "Joey."

McKinney, not wanting to show that beneath the blue he was wearing he was turning

. . . and in this . . . DIP Photo

He wore a partial mask (just to scare McKinney, no doubt) and on his hands were gloves, the 15-ounce variety. But

But now let's have McKinn finish the story, even though didn't finish the fight. Here McKinney:

"It was a brawl, not fight. The gorilla kept tos ing me all over the floor unt my arms and legs wer bruised and nicked."

"Noel told me not to mak 'Joey' mad, just play wi him. Well, I guess 'Joe figured I was an enemy fro the start because he refuse to take it easy.

No Charge

"I finally got mad ch fussed a right which h 'Joey' on he head. Funn thing, 'Joey' did not charg after me. I guess he though I pulled him.

"Well, before 'Joey' had chance to make me into rug, the law interfered an stopped the brut, whic didn't make me a bit mad.

(Above) Fritzie McKinney, Pittsburgh welterweight and holder of three Navy titles, saw his share of gorilla warfare, having fought one at an amusement center in Norfolk, Va., in 1953. It was ruled 'no contest' with police stopping the bout.
(Below) The 1890's saw many unusual athletic contests, such as the above when someone got the town husky's goat and dared him to fight one. He is seen ramming home a left.

(Left) Bear vs. Braddock, 1935. Jimmy Braddock helps ballyhoo his title fight with Max Baer by tangling with THE REAL bear. Braddock took both decisions.

(Right) Primo Carnera, world heavyweight champion in 1933, amuses a large audience in Rome with a playful exhibition against Kid Kangaroo.

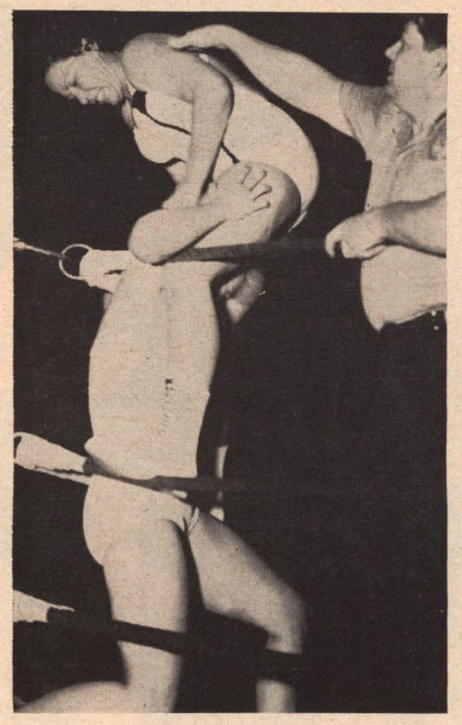
(Left) Kid Sidney of Australia, a kangaroo who reputedly holds a punching bag record of 176,200 continuous blows, has the joint jumping as he mixes it with sparring partner Buzz Casazza.

Man Has Often Turned to the Lower Animal for Frolic, Companionship and in Formulating His Sports. Here We See Fighters Making Use of Animals in Training, for Ballyhoo and in Actual Contests.

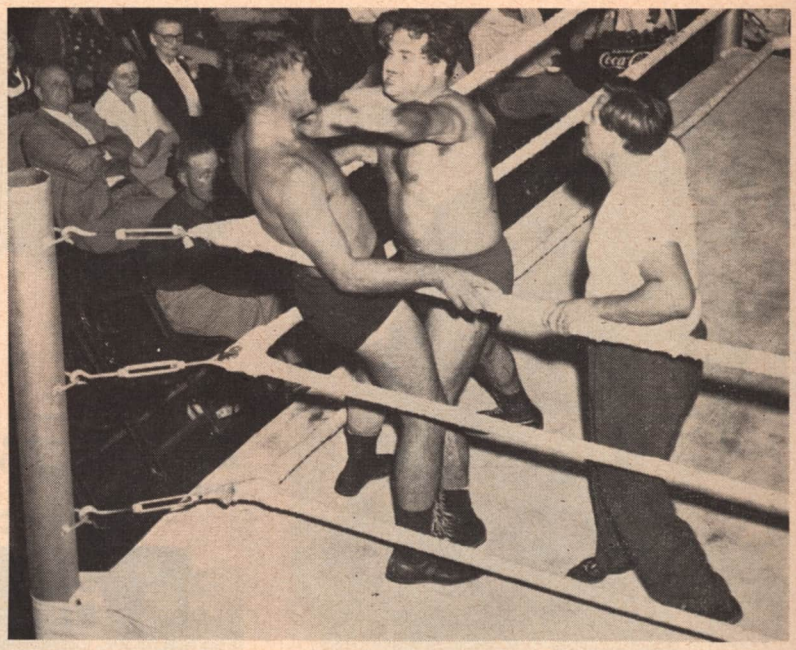
Jim Jeffries several years ago, at a rodeo at Burbank, Calif., took the bull by the horns and engaged in a novel contest with a trained steer. This is no bull but the California Grizzley Bear had a tough time of it. Someone had given him a bum steer when they suggested the match.

THE MAT WORLD

By NAT LOUBET



Champion June Byers making it tough for Penny Banner at the Fairgrounds Coliseum at Indianapolis. This is known as trying to make two heads out of one. Byers won the match in two straight falls. (Photo by Bob Utter)



Tony Gardenia makes with right to the jaw of Billy Fox . . . after the softening up process Gardenia dropped Fox for point and match.

ON AND AROUND THE MAT . . .

WORD from Babe Nelson, president of the Sharpe Brothers Fan Club, that Ben and Mike are Honolulu bound for a two month stay at the beach resort where they will meet the best the islands can offer as competition.

Word to this corner from Pedro Godoy, top flight grappler and promoter in Hawaii, currently in Florida, who will be on his way to Canada by the time this is in print. Pedro on a typical wrestling jaunt states that capacity houses are being drawn at Havana.

Received the Don Arnold Fan Club Bulletin No. 13 which is a job well done. We can't help but like the Motto, Aims and Hope of the club. Motto: To maintain good fellowship; Aims: To enlarge the group, gaining as many as possible of folks with the same interest in and of Don; Hope: To increase interest in all wrestlers, to encourage clean sportsmanship at all times. It sounds like the Boy Scout's prayer, it's clean and decent, and in these times of hippodroming and crazy acts it shows that there are many fans who want wrestling for the love of it and not for the clowning or theatrics.

At Sacramento, Lou Thesz made a successful defense of his NWA wrestling title in the memorial Auditorium by defeating the local pride and joy Ron Etchison. Thesz lost the first fall to Etchison when the latter made his headlock pay off at 19:40. Then Thesz went to work and took the second fall in 5:25 with a back body drop that was applied so forcefully that Etchison was unable to continue the match leaving Thesz the victor.

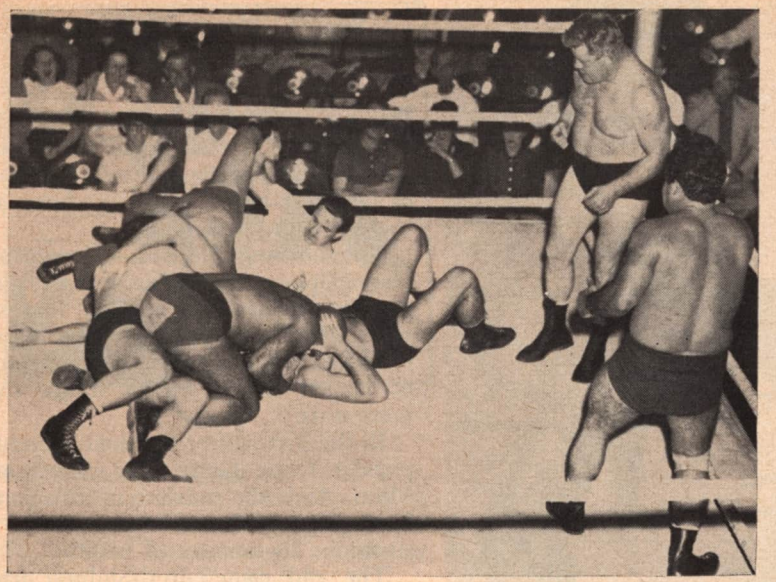
Las Vegas, Nevada, appears to have drawn the ire of the California Athletic Commission as a result of the opening wrestling show at the "City of Lost Wages." The card was televised locally by station KTTV and all had a good time except the California Commission which stated in their protest that the wrestling at Vegas had shown tactics that would not be permitted by the California Body and that any wrestler so conducting himself would be suspended by California. . . . The peculiar slant is that most of the grapplers are not under the California Commission's jurisdiction since they are sent from New York.

Pat O'Connor took two out of three falls from Buddy (Nature Boy) Rogers at the Cincinnati Music Hall. The tag team semi-final went to a draw with Dick Hutton and Bill McDaniel facing Don Arnold and Joe Scarpello.

At Los Angeles Olympic Auditorium, the Togo Brothers had more gas than the team of Ray Thunder Stern and Rocky Valentine, in a tag team match. It was one fall to each team when the Japanese, showing greater stamina, put the match on ice with speedy judo chops and a body press.

Don Leo Jonathan, known as the Salt Lake City Comet, has been covering ground. He started out at the Coliseum in Baltimore when he tangled with Hans Schmidt. The affair may have lacked dignity but hardly color as both men and the fans ended up fighting in the aisles. As the referee started the compulsory 10 count both wrestlers attemped to get back into the ring and Jonathan made it first thereby getting the decision. . . . Jonathan opened the season for the fans at Worcester's Mechanic's Hall by taking two out of three falls from Quebec's Paul Baillargeon. Jonathan pinned Paul for the first fall in 16:23 with a body press. Baillargeon won the second fall with a giant swing at 8:37 and Jonathan came back to capture the deciding fall with a head chancery at 15:11.

Less Ruffin lost the semi-final event to Nelson Royal at 11:08 when Royal went to work with a top body press.



Red Satan gazes at an odd spectre of four men tangled on the mat in a six man tag team contest. Note the referee (center) who can't seem to make up his mind as to what's up . . . and down.

Jim LaRock, a member of the 1952 Olympic team, and a new face among the wrestling fraternity, who shapes up as a fine prospect.

INDIANAPOLIS WRESTLING . . . BY BOB UTTER

BIG time wrestling at its best was featured at the Indianapolis Armory when Hans Schmidt, the 239-pound German giant, downed handsome Jack Allen, 225, Boston, in two of three falls.

Schmidt scored first blood in 14:32 with a neck-breaker while Allen evened the score at 1-all by taking second honors in nine minutes. Big Hans captured the third and deciding frame in 3:24 with his favorite hold . . . the neck-breaker—again!

The Mighty Atlas, a gorgeous hunk of man from Hollywood, California, won over Sheik Araby when the latter was disqualified by Referee Paul Mischler. Araby, 230, of Toledo, Ohio, hurled Atlas out of the ring and would not let him reenter. The Californian weighed 223.

Dick Afflis, 248, Indianapolis, recorded a one-fall win over Jack Bauer, 230, Miami, Fla., in the opener.

Wrestling at the Hoosier Capitol is now under the promotional reins of Dick Patton, the former advance man, ticket-taker, usher and ring announcer who took over for Billy Thom. Thom recently accepted the position of recreational director for all state hospitals and penal institutions.

JIM LAROCK PORTRAIT . . . BY BOB UTTER

HANDSOME Jim LaRock, an Ogdensburg, N. Y., born lad, was a member of the United States Olympic wrestling team in 1952 and today is one of matdom's brightest prospects in the junior heavyweight class!

LaRock, an Ithaca College graduate with degrees in Bachelor of Science and Master of Science, was undefeated in four years of college meet competition.

Through his impressive record of amateur wrestling, he has earned the well-deserved and merited recognition as the outstanding "Leg Wrestler" in the United States. Wm. H. (Billy) Thom, former Indiana University mat coach and mentor of the 1936 Olympic squad, says, "He will eventually be one of the all-time greats."

His amateur titles list as follows: Central YMCA champion and outstanding wrestler award; two years Intercollege champion; two years National YMCA champion; two years National AAU champion; Walt O'Connel Award, and member of 1952 Olympic team.

LaRock turned professional in 1953 after talking to Al Haft, a famous mat teacher and promoter in Columbus, O., who advised the boy to get that money while you can.

The New Yorker is a powerfully built lad standing ten inches over the five-foot mark and weighing 205-pounds. He is a kangaroo when it comes to drop-kicking and is as fast as lightning.

His hobbies are playing golf, tennis, archery and calling square dances. Steaks and chops are his favorite foods.

"My ambition is to win the global belt," smiles LaRock, "to meet the right girl, to 'settle down' and raise a family."

A SHORT ON ETHEL JOHNSON . . .

A TOP ATTACTION to hit girl grappling since girl wrestling began is Ethel Johnson, a 20-year-old Negro cutie who assures you that someday she will win the championship now held by June Byers!

This demure little performer is as agile as a toe dancer and as smart as a button.

Weighing a sharp 130-pounds and standing a shade over 5-feet 4-inches in height, Ethel was born in Atlanta, Ga., but was reared in Cincinnati and Columbus, O.

"I've always wanted to do something where I could move around," she smiled. "At first I studied dancing but after seeing Nell Stewart and June Byers on TV, I changed my mind."

For two years Miss Brown trained for wrestling and was ready to enter the ring before she did but as she says, "I wanted to be perfect."

Ethel holds the distinction of being the first Negro girl in North America to be booked as a professional wrestler. She likes to wrestle clean and believes in speed and skill. But, of course, she can get rough.

During her high school days she participated in baseball, volleyball and basketball.

Her idol is Lou Thesz in the men's division and Miss Byers in the ladies league.

Ethel loves to paint and design. She plans and makes all of her own clothes. Coming down the street she looks like a professional model.

MIKE LELLIS

MIKE LELLIS, Greek-American pro wrestler from Philadelphia, has claimed the light-heavy title for a number of years now. The 180-pound Philadelphia athlete has wrestled for fifteen years and served as wrestling instructor emeritus at The Philadelphia Central YMCA (World's Largest Y). Mike tutored wrestling at the Central Y for six years. He flew sixty aerial combat missions in Italy as a warrant officer in the 15th Air Force, his barrel chest is loaded down with medals, bronze combat stars, and decorations.

After the shooting war ended he served in an army disciplinary training barracks as an MP. Lellis wrestled in Corsica, Cyprus, Malta, Naples, Crete and in Turkey under the "nom de wrestling" THE LEOPARD BOY. The Philadelphia wrestler is most unusual and versatile, he is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, a Phi Betta Kappa, crack salesman, author, book writer, lecturer, orator, coach of sports, businessman, public relations counsel, dialectician, psychologist and all-around athlete. He is a superb wrestler with over 1,000 bouts to his credit.

ABE KAPLAN . . . BY VINCE SALERNO

ONE of the most colorful adventurers and torso-twisting globe trotters to show his wares on the multi mats of the civilized world is ABE KAPLAN. Kaplan's home town is Buenos Aires, Argentina. He's a naturalized citizen of the Argentine but was formerly a Brooklyn, New York Boy, and wrestled around New York in the early thirties before transplanting himself into the southern climes of Patagonia.

Kaplan, who speaks several languages fluently, turned up in wartime London in the middle of the terrible blitz of World War II and he enlisted in the Polish army of the famous General Anders.

Abe went through combat and the last we talked to him in the London of 1945 he was a Corporal attached to the London Polish Army's General Staff. He was a driver and personal bodyguard for the senior staff officers. Abe had a fine combat record and was the recipient of many Anglo-Polish decorations. Weighing 215 at the height of about five foot six, he wrestled in every continent of the world.

FAN CLUBS CORNER

Billy Hickson Fan Club—Chuck Schlosser, 114 Kelly Avenue, Peoria Heights, Ill.

Ethel Johnson, twenty year old, 130 pound cutie, who stands five foot four inches tall.

Dann McShain Fan Club—Dorothy Lieberman, International Pres.,

Greatest Scott Fan Club—Gene McCormick, Pres. Chap. 1, 1809 E. Fourth Street, Dayton 3, Ohio.

Chief Big Heart's Fan Club—Albert Calvert, Int. Pres., 10 Fern Avenue, Dayton 10, Ohio.

WINNIPEG, MAN., CANADA . . . BY CY LOUTH

ALEX "DOUBLE BILL" TURK sent 4,000 fans home talking to themselves following his latest and one of his most hectic wrestling shows at the Winnipeg Auditorium.

The show was televised, and so many photographers, technicians and straight news cameramen were on hand that reporters had to battle for seats. This, of course, was due to the large number of hangers-on who nightly invade the press seats.

In the first half of the double event, popular Verne Gagne, 231, Excelsior, Minn., took the measure of villainous Kinji Shibuya, 240, Honolulu, after a strenuous 20 minutes of battle.

The end came after Shibuya had shoved referee Bill Kusisto to the canvas, The ref, in turn, took a substantial poke at the howling Honoluluan and sent him staggering against the ropes. At this point Gagne swung into action, and after a savage attack on Kinji, succeeded in pinning him with a top spread. The vanquished battler protested long and loud that his leg had been outside the ropes at the time of the fall, but his cries for "justice" encouraged only boos from the ranting crowd.

Scores of youngsters, who in some manner gained admittance to the auditorium, tore the colored canvas from one side of the ring in their mad scramble to secure Gagne's autograph.

The second half of the double feature kept the crowd in fits of merriment, for the midgets always please.

Victors in the battle were Tiny Tim and Tito Infante, favorites with the crowd. They took the second and third falls from Sky Low Low and Ivan the Terrible, who proved themselves the villains of the event. Referee Frenchy Champagne had his hands full sorting out the little men, and was solemnly warned of dire things to come by Ivan the Terrible after he had awarded the second fall to his opponents.

In the special event, Mitsu Arakawa, 230, Honolulu, a sort of replica of Kinji Shibuya defeated Nick Roberts, 244, Tampa, Fla., after 13.10 of hectic wrestling. The end came after Roberts, in leaping upon prostrate Mitsu, landed on one of his opponent's knees, which dug deeply into his solar plexis. Before he could regain his wind, the count of 10 had been tolled by the Referee.

In the opener, voted by many the best show of the evening, Red Bastian, 211, Minneapolis, took the measure of Jim Siskay, 221, Detroit. The fall came at 19:35. Both boys put up a fine show, with Siskay taking the part

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QUERIES ANSWERED BY NAT FLEISCHER

Harry Fissell, Montreal, Can.

Q—When Benny Leonard died in the ring while refereeing fights at the St. Nicholas Rink of New York, did he officiate in all of the bouts?

▶A—*Yes. It was after his death that the Boxing Commission decided on having more than one referee at the minor clubs.*

Pvt. John Johnsen, Korea, APO 971

Q—How many fights did Earl Walls have? When did he start?

▶A—*He started in 1948 and had forty-three fights up to date and five at this writing this year.*

Jerry Sims, Philadelphia, Pa.

Q—How much did Dempsey weigh in his prime? Do you sell 8 by 10 inch photos?

▶A—*He scaled around 188 pounds. Yes, on highly glossy paper ready for framing at $1.25 each. You can get almost any top fighter or wrestler in that size.*

Joseph Marin, San Juan, Puerto Rico

Q—If a fighter is dropped in the third round, for example and at the count of four, his opponent goes down, either because of punishment he had previously received or by collapsing, what must the referee do and who would win such a fight if both remain down? Such a case happened recently and I'm anxious to see if the referee was correct in what he did?

▶A—*The referee must count and since, if both fighters are still down at ten, the referee had counted ten over the first fighter and only six over the second who went down as four was counted over Number One fighter, the one who first went down is counted out and the other fighter, though still on the canvas, must be declared the winner by a knockout. It really is a double knockdown but not occurring simultaneously.*

Nick Rivera Martino, New York City

Q—Who was the first Puerto Rican fighter to gain international recognition? Was it Angel Clivelle, Sixto Escobar, Jose Basora, Attilio Sabatino or Pedro Montanez?

▶A—*Angel Clivelle who started in 1927. Sabatino didn't start as a pro until the following year. Escobar, Basora and Montanez were greater international figures in boxing than Clivelle but Angel was the first to get into the headlines from Puerto Rico.*

Bob Gardner, Norfolk, Va.

Q—Which is more effective for a knockout punch, a short or a long tossed blow?

▶A—*Short if a fighter has proper leverage.*

R. Disckna, Los Angeles, Calif.

Q—A friend and I have been arguing as to the number of weekly boxing shows there are in the U. S. He says there are over 2,000. I say there are not even that many licensed pro fighters.

▶A—*At this time there are not more than a dozen or 15 weekly boxing shows in this country. There are about 3,000 licensed pro fighters.*

Arthur Howell, Lowell, Mass.

Q—How many fights did Joe Louis and Billy Conn have with each other? I say three and my friend says two.

▶A—*Two. The first took place on June 18, 1941 and the second for which Mike Jacobs charged $100 for a ringside seat, took place on June 19, 1946.*

You wouldn't have to engage in a long dispute if you bought a copy of my Ring Record Book for 1955 which contains all such information. The complete record of all fighters.

Cpl. William J. Johns, Fort Bragg, N. C.

Q—When Joe Louis fought Max Schmeling had he already fought Jimmy Braddock?

▶A—*No. When Joe Louis fought Max the first time, on June 19, 1936, he was not yet a titleholder. That's the fight in which the German stopped the Brown Bomber in the twelfth round.*

Then on June 22, 1937, Louis won the title from Jimmy Braddock by stopping him in the eighth round. It was after that fight that Joe pleaded with Mike Jacobs for a chance to avenge the Schmeling knockout and a title bout was set for June 22, 1938 and Schmeling was knocked out in the opening round.

Artie Schaeffer, New Orleans, La.

Q—Is there any chance that you might pick up a copy of the 1942, 1943 and 1953 Ring Record books for me? Can I still get a copy of the latest issue?

▶A—*No, we cannot obtain the back issues you name. We still have a few copies of the 1954 and 1955 Ring Record Book on hand and you can obtain a copy.*

Martin Stromboli, Naples, Italy.

Q—Does the Champion of Europe automatically become a challenger for the world championship in his division?

▶A—*Not necessarily. It depends on how good a boxer he is. The newly formed World Championship Committee of which Robert K. Christenberry of New York is the chairman and J. Onslow Fane of England and Eduardo Rabet of France are members, give final decisions on the challengers.*

Alan Sweitzer, Los Angeles, Cal.

Q—Under the present no foul rules used in most states, can a referee disqualify a fighter?

▶A—*Yes. There are several items under which he can disqualify a boxer despite the no foul rule. Thus if a boxer is warned a number of times for using foul tactics, the referee may halt the bout and award it to the other boxer with the statement that repeated fouling has brought about the disqualification.*

If a boxer repeatedly holds and fails to obey the command of the referee to cease, he may be disqualified for refusing to obey the referee.

Repeated use of the rabbit punch and kidney punch can bring about a disqualification.

Though in each case the third man in the ring may first penalize the fighter after several warnings, the official's patience may be taxed to the limit for continued violation of the rules and the commissions give him the power to halt the fight.

Heinie Zureick, Millersport, Ohio.

Q—In the fight between Jess Willard and Jack Dempsey at Toledo in your book, "Jack Dempsey the Idol of Fistiana" you state that after the seventh knockdown in the opening round, Referee Ollie Pecord counted Jess out and held up the hand of Dempsey indicating him the winner. Jack, you say, leaped over the ropes and started for his dressing room only to be called back by the referee and told that the fight was not over. It was an error.

Now if a fighter leaves the ring, isn't he automatically disqualified? According to the rules of boxing? Then why wasn't Willard given the decision?

▶A—*You are correct but in this case, the referee had erred. It was he who told Jack the fight was over and awarded the decision to him on a knockout only to learn from Warren Barbour, the official timer, later U. S. Senator from New Jersey, that the count had only reached seven and that he had rung the bell ending the round but that the noise at the ringside was so great the gong could not be heard. Under the circumstances Referee Pecord did the proper thing. He reversed himself and ordered Jack to reenter the ring and continue the fight. Dempsey had the right to leave the ring when he was told the fight had ended.*

IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By BILL MILLER

▶ **VETERAN DAVE WHITLOCK** had seen Floyd Patterson fight several times, both on TV and as an arena spectator. As Patterson had never witnessed Whitlock in action, some observers figured the highly regarded Coast scrapper had the advantage in advance strategy. But they found strategy seldom works against the extra-speedy punching of Patterson, who proceeded to knock Whitlock out in three rounds. They topped the program in a scheduled ten rounder at Winterland in San Francisco. Weights: Patterson, 176; Whitlock, 178.

Promoter Jimmy Murray's venture attracted $8,411 worth of fans.

Neither fighter seemed to have the range in the opening round, but in the second the Brooklyn contender nailed Whitlock with a volley of solid punches to the head. Dave went to the floor and took eight. A right to the head put Whitlock on the canvas for another eight count. Dave went to his corner looking wobbly after another right to the chin.

In the third a left hook proved the payoff, and Referee Jack Silver halted proceedings with Whitlock still on the floor.

All of the supporting bouts were concluded by technical knockouts. Frank Skidmore, 148, ended a scheduled six-rounder in one session, his victim being James Howard, 152.

Prelims, all fours: Irish George Sullivan, 144, TKO'd Ray Lewis, 135, in 3; Gil Padilla, 159, halted Hershel Bailey in 2; Richard Greenberg, 175, stopped James Ivy, 178, in 3; Stan Perez, 137, belted out Bob Rubie, 143, in 4.

▶ Pimi Barajos, 116½, pint-sized puncherado from Old Mayheeco, hereinafter to be known by his full name of Pimi Barajos Jimenez, came through as expected at the Olympic Auditorium when he scored a 3-round TKO over Tommy Rhett, 117, Berkeley banty. Pimi dropped Rhett twice in the third, once in the second.

This was the televised ten.

In the blackout bout, Julian Velasquez, 132½, took the unanimous decision over the veteran Fabela Chavez, 131, now on one of his periodic comebacks. There was no question about this verdict: Referee Jimmy Wilson and Judge John Thomas both saw it alike, 57½-52½. Judge Tommy Herman gave it to Julian, 59-51.

Pimi, a tiny tiger from Tijuana, made a smash hit at the Olympic in his only previous U.S.A. showing: that was last May, when he dropped a tight-fit duke to Frankie Campos. However, delighted fans tossed more than $100 into the ring, and when the customers shower down like that, they ain't just satisfied, they're tickled pink.

Pimi is built along the lines of the great Pancho Villa, one of the ring's immortals, who died ten days after his fight with Jimmy McLarnin, back in 1925. The fight had nothing to do with his death.

The fours: Norbert Galindo, 130, drew with Tomahawk Turner, 128½; Larry Maldonado, 155, decisioned Artie Dixon, 156; Freddy Milton, 171, decisioned Charlie Black, 165; and Tito Caudillo, 136, TKO (2) over Jeff Palma, 130.

▶ Kenny Davis, ex-leatherneck, 127½, scored an upset win over Gil Cadilli, 127½, at Hollywood Legion Stadium. Cadilli was favored because of his kayo win over Rudy Garcia, last time out. But Davis had one of his good nights and won the unanimous verdict. No knockdowns.

In the six-round semi, Mel Collins, 147½, decisioned Clifton Lester, 147½, in a rather dull tiff. The fours: Jake Sanchez, 147, decisioned Rico Riveron, 149; Freddy Milton, 171, dec. Joe Mack, 170; and Billy Blevins, 143, dukes Al Garza, 148.

▶ Eddie Machen, heavyweight prospect who has been winning most of his bouts by early kayoes, had to pace himself for almost the entire distance against speedy Howard King in the headliner at the Richmond Auditorium. The energy which he conserved for a fast finish paid off in the tenth round, when he slammed the Reno fighter all over the ring and knocked him out with a few seconds to go. This was the Redding, Calif., youngster's ninth straight knockout. Weights: Machen, 196; King, 184.

Promoter Johnny Munro counted up a gross attendance of $2,421.

After being knocked down in the fourth, King made a surprising comeback in the middle rounds. Making a desperate attack at the outset of the tenth, King was holding his own until Machen cut loose. A volley of head punches floored King. When the Nevadan arose on unsteady legs, Referee Ray Flores halted proceedings.

Cleo Lane, 129, won the eight-round feature bout, decisioning Dom Sacco, 130.

Don Chestra, 138, stopped Billy Brown, 137, in 6. In the fours, Gil Padilla, 163, KO'd Marlin Monroe, 160, in 2; Stan Perez, 140, stopped Gene Ingram, 139, in 4.

▶ Stan Bryant, Oakland middleweight, 159½, scored a unanimous verdict over Petey Servin, 163, in the 10-round blackout bout at the Olympic Auditorium. It was a decisive win, but the following day it developed that Servin had an abcess on his ear and was badly handicapped thereby.

In the televised ten, Ruben Salazar, 129, suffered a badly gashed left eye in the second round, but went on to capture a split decision over Julian Velasquez, 130. There was raucous disapproval from some of the ringsiders.

The scoring shows how close it was: Referee Russ Bradford and Judge Frank Holborow saw eye-to-eye, and voted 55½-54½. Judge Abe Roth voted for a draw, with a 55-55 ballot.

The Bryant-Servin brawl ran according to form; Stan was a 10-7 favorite. In the TV ten, Salazar's triumph was a minor upset: Velasquez entered the ring a 10-8 choice.

Joey Dorando, Pan-American Games welterweight champ, scored his third straight kayo by stopping John Mannings, 158, in the second round. Joey weighed 151. (And was Papa Joey Dorando happy!)

Other fours: Dave Cervantes, 149½, decisioned Jimmy Dupres, 148; and Clifton Lester, 149, outpointed Al Alexander, 152.

▶ Lauro Salas, 130½, had one of his good nights at Hollywood Legion Stadium, which made it a bad one for Jorge Macias, 133½. Jorge was sent to the showers in the 9th. It was a clean kayo, the second knockdown of the inning. The former lightweight champ was at his best. In that mood, he's a very dangerous hombre, as Jimmy Carter and Cisco Andrade can attest.

In the six-round semi, Bill Filippo, 162, defeated Joey Brooks, 157½, scoring three knockdowns in the process. The fours: Canuto Reyes, 133½, decisioned Eddie Rodriguez, 134½; Glen Smith, 185½, TKO (3) over Fred Taylor, 197½; and Eddie Ramos, 147, TKO (2) over Nap Burnett, 150.

▶ To the utter astonishment of absolutely nobody, Ralph Dupas, No. 2 contender for the lightweight title, defeated Mickey Northrup, Los Anglees, at Hollywood Legion Stadium.

But there was some amazement over the scoring: Referee Dynamite Jackson had Dupas in front, 58-52; Judge Jimmy Wallace saw it the same way, but by a slightly lesser score: 57-53. It was Judge George Latka's card which occasioned surprise: George had Dupas in front, but only by the margin of a single point.

Funny, too, was the ruckus raised by ardent Northrup partisans. They literally went berserk. The ring was showered with cups, papers, and a few half-pints (empty, of course). And it was necessary for the cops to guard Dupas as he wended his way to the dressing-room.

The fight itself went strictly according to formula—the fleet, light-punching Dupas stabbed Northrup almost at will with his left jab. Mickey, appearing in his third main event, tried gamely to catch up with the fleet New Orleans boy, but much more experienced scrappers had failed in the same attempt.

Anyway, Dupas won the unanimous verdict, but it would be stretching truth to say that he "won a home" at Hollywood. He didn't even win parking space, and won't—unless and until he meets a foeman worthy of his steel, if you'll pardon me for waxing "lit'rary" on you.

Only damage suffered by Dupas was the loss of his mouthpiece in the 7th.

In the six-round semi, Vince Delgado, 125, back in action after two years in the army, scored his 10th straight pro win by unanimous decision over Joey Vincent, 122½, of Columbus, Ohio. The fours: Hank Aceves, 125½, drew with Bobby Satchel, 128; Dave Antunez, 127, decisioned Tacho Mendoza, 126½, and Carl Perez, 128, duked Frankie Orlando, 129.

▶ Art Aragon, the Golden Boy, is again an expectant papa: this time it is Number 4. He's back in the gym again. Meanwhile, he picks up a few sheckels here and there doing bits in TV and the movies. There's still magic in his name.

▶ Once again Davey Gallardo, 126, rules the roost as featherweight champion of California by virtue of his 10th round TKO over Reuben Smith, 126, at the Olympic Auditorium. It was billed for 12.

Back in April, these boys had fought a 12-round draw in a featherweight elimination match. It was a fair decision, too; you'd have to split hairs to make it otherwise.

This time, however, there was no doubt about the outcome. Gallardo took the initiative and held it throughout. There was nothing genteel or refined about the scrap; both were out to win, and Heaven help the hindmost. But it was interesting, with enough gore to satiate the most bloodthirsty.

And so Dave is back in the saddle again, holding down the billet which he voluntarily relinquished three years ago because of Eastern TV engagements.

Just to give you an idea: Referee Mushy Callahan's scorecard had Gallardo in front by 11 points at the time he halted hostilities.

In the televised ten, on the same card, Ramon Tiscareno, 145½, scored the unanimous decision over Carlos "Old Man River" Chavez, 142½. Chavez was pinch-hitting for Woody Winslow, who pulled out because of an injured rib.

There was no question about the verdict. Referee Tommy Hart and Judge Jack McDonald scored it 57-53; Judge Mushy Callahan tabbed it 59-51.

The four-rounders: Joey Dorando, a chip off the old block, 147, KO (1) over Herman Beasley, 143; Rory Calhoun, 160, TKO (4) over Curtis Coffield, 160; and Kornies Citizen, 157, decisioned Jack Parret, 156, in the opener.

▶ Zora Folley, 187½, Clinton, Ariz., got very little opposition from Ted Calaman, 177½, Philadelphia, at the Olympic Auditorium, and won by a TKO in the 4th round of a scheduled ten. It was the blackout bout of the program.

In justice to Calaman, he had been inactive for more than two years, serving a double hitch in the Marine Corps. He was obviously rusty; couldn't find his target, and proved to be an animated punching bag for the fast-stepping, sharpshooting Folley. It was Folley's 21st win in 22 starts, most of them by kayo.

In fact, all six of Folley's fights this year have ended prematurely: he stopped Calaman, Jake Williams, Howard King, Kirby Seals and Calvin Brad, but was himself the victim of a TKO at the hands of Johnny Summerlin. That's the only blemish on his record.

In the televised ten, the ageless Carlos Chavez, 141, won the unanimous decision over the Filipino, Tommy Manaois, 136½. This one started out like a romp for Chavez. He had Manaois on the deck in Round One, but the little Malay came back strong and got a big hand from the crowd.

The fours: Joey Dorando, 147, TKO (4) over Andy Jones, 145; Joey Brooks, 155, KO (3) over Richard Jones, 156; and Mel Ferguson, 140½, decisioned Al Baraza, 142.

▶ Young Jack Johnson, 206, easily retained his state heavyweight title at Hollywood Legion Stadium by trouncing Willie Bean, 208, in the 12 round main event. It was Johnson's third win in four fights with Bean, and probably ends their rivalry. Bean dropped Johnson for three in the 2nd round. Johnson had a big margin on all scorecards.

In the six-round semi, Tiger McHenry, 173, duked Charley Cue, 175. The four-rounders: Jake Sanchez, 148, decisioned Ralph Cheek, 143; Reuben Wilson, 186½, TKO (1) over Paul Favrot, 192½; and Rudy Mendoza, 140, decisioned Art Lopez, 138.

▶ Joey Dorando, who won the welterweight crown in the Pan-American games at Mexico City, is a son of the well-regarded lightweight, same name, who cavorted in and around New Jersey rings back in the late Twenties and early Thirties.

Joey made his pro debut at the Olympic Auditorium an impressive one by scoring a 4th round KO over Andy Jones.

I'll never forget that hectice night, March 5, 1928, when a boy named Phil Goldstein scored a 3-round knockout over Joey

Dorando, Senior. Goldstein was a member of the Jimmie Bronson-Bill Miller stable. His knockout record was not impressive—two kayos in 52 starts.

That night, Goldstein scored one of his very rare knockouts—but in the dressing-room, after the fight, I was horrified to learn that he had worn a "gimmick" on his left thumb, to protect that aching member.

None of the inspectors or commission men had caught the gimmick. First report that came to our dressing-room was that Dorando was dead. We were all taken to the police station in Jersey City. Enroute, I managed to drop the gimmick down the sewer. A half hour later, we were informed that Dorando was O.K. and we could go home. The man who brought the message—i.e. that Dorando was O.K.—was Dorando himself.

Funny thing: Papa Joe never knew the details about that knockout until I told them to him, last March, in San Francisco while I was there handling the publicity for the Marciano-Cockell fight. Right now, Dorando senior operates an Italian restaurant on Vine Street, in the heart of Hollywood. He gets a big play.

▶It didn't help the boxing game any when Maurice Harper, a ranking Oakland welter and stablemate of Bobo Olson, was arrested on a burglary charge. At the time, he was on three-year probation for the theft of a $151 check from a mailbox.

I'm not vindictive—but how can guys like this get a license to box?

▶Tanny Campo, who can make 112 pounds easily, is one of the world's high ranking flyweights, pounded out a ten-round decision over Baby Moe Mario of Reno before 1,500 fans at Stockton's Civic Auditorium. The agile Manila boxer had a rough third round, when he had to come back after sampling Mario's hardest shots to the chin. But in the fourth Campo took command, and the result was never in doubt from then on. Each fighter scaled 118.

Campo, who drew $3,988 in a previous San Jose appearance, brought a comfortable $2,808 into the coffers at Stockton.

Pete Morelli's point score favoring Campo was 57 to 53. Round count was six, two and two even.

Cliff Schellin, 162, Stockton, in a successful comeback venture, decisioned Jay Lewis, 161, Sacramento, in the ten-round semi-windup.

Results of fours: Vince Bonomo, 140, KO'd Edgar Jones, 146, in 3; Clyde Bremby, 177, halted Mel Matthews, 179, in 2.

▶Rocky Marciano, Archie Moore and Floyd Patterson, three most celebrated battlers in the business, all in Los Angeles at the same time: Marciano, to act as usher at Andy Carey's wedding; Moore, to referee a four-rounder at Hollywood; and Patterson, to fulfill his date with Calvin Brad at the Olympic Auditorium.

▶Morton Moss, Los Angeles Examiner boxing expert, comes out in support of the 11-point system of scoring, as against the 10 point system in vogue so commonly, elsewhere.

"Somebody sold Dr. Dan Kilroy, freshman member of the State Athletic Commission," writes Mort, "the idea that the 10-must system, which prevails in most N.B.A. states, is one of those invincible mechanical gadgets whereby the right decision is mandatory in spite of the incompetence of the officials."

Moss goes on from there to point out that there is no arbitrary scoring factor in boxing; that four men, seated on the four sides of the ring, could turn in four different score-cards.

Well, I've been contending that for nigh onto forty years. Only Mort said it in nicer English. You see, he's a collitch boy, and they didn't learn us much in the Reform School which I graduated from.

Another quote from Mort: "Now, even with all the competence in the world, the nature of a fight is such that there is absolutely no way of eliminating differences of opinion.

"A punch was struck," Moss continues. "One observer believes it was extremely hard. Another feels it was only so-so. A boxer is knocked off his feet. One observer thinks he was badly hurt, another that he was only moderately hurt. You prefer the boxer to the puncher. Somebody else has an opposite preference."

All good sense. Why, even in cases where there's a knockout, viewers often disagree: some guys think every guy who's flattened "took a dive." Remember the time Ernie Schaaf was accused of taking a header for Primo Carnera, back in 1933? One highly-respected columnist wrote a scorching commentary on Ernie's alleged dry-dive. Three days later Schaaf died in the hospital.

▶One of the few boxing centers in the United States where flyweights fight main events and draw good houses is San Jose, Calif. More than 2,000 fans paid $3,988 to see Tanny Campo, 115, rugged and smart Filipino, win a ten-round decision over Memo Diez, 114, hailed as the North American flyweight champion.

The Mexican lad, who looked like a near-perfect fighting machine in previous appearances at the Orchard City's auditorium, appeared bewildered most of the time by Campo's unorthodox style. Tanny proved adept at guarding his body, and most of the Dieb blows landed against gloves and elbows.

Though Referee Hal Toussaint's point score was close (56 to 53) Campo managed to lead throughout. Diez, at the close, was looking through one eye, and blood dripped from his nose and mouth. Campo was unmarked.

The show was promoted by Babe Griffin and Abe Acquistapace.

Takeshi Yamaguchi, 115, Tokyo, stopped Augie Angeles, 115, of Mountain View, in 1.55 of the sixth. The semi-final was scheduled for eight.

Other results: Toby Alvarado, 147, drew with Charlie Courtney, 145, in 6; Tommy Villa, 167, dec. Marlin Monroe, 158, in 4.

SEEN AND HEARD IN NEW YORK

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the verdict from Tony de Cola, 139, Brooklyn, in another six. In fours, Pat Maher, 148, West Side, whipped Philip Sabater, 148, Puerto Rico, and Nick Edwards, 136, decisioned a Brooklyn rival, Ira Williams, 135.

▶Combining football and wrestling tactics with back-alley technique, former world lightweight champion Paddy DeMarco, 141, Brooklyn, butted, heeled, elbowed and hit on breaks as he roughhoused his way to a split, upset decision over southpaw Kenny Lane, 140½, Muskegon, Mich., in a brawling ten at St. Nicholas Arena. Despite frequent warnings to DeMarco, Referee Ray Miller failed to penalize Paddy any rounds, and actually cast the deciding vote in his favor. The judges were divided in their scores, Artie Schwartz tabbing for DeMarco and Joe Agnello for Lane. Both rivals were the worse for wear at the finish. DeMarco drew blood from Lane's nose in the sixth but, in turn, suffered a rip under his left eye in the seventh. In the semi-final, Carlos Ortiz, 136, West Side, one of New York's outstanding young prospects, continued along his winning way by polishing off LeRoy Graham, 135½, Brooklyn, at 1:18 of the second. Carl Fusco, 122½, Bronx, decisioned Charley Titone, 128, Brooklyn, in six. In fours, Joe Baglio, 155½, Brooklyn, whipped Pete Warren, 151, Harlem, and Gene Armstrong, 157½, Newark, won from Distino Lois, 157½, Long Island City.

▶In about as furious a ten as the St. Nicholas Arena has produced in some time, Lulu Perez, 135, Brooklyn, needed all his speed, skill and sharp punching to edge out Bobby Courschesne, 131½, Holyoke, Mass. Courschesne reminded veteran observers of the old Nebraska Wildcat, Ace Hudkins. There is nothing fancy or flashy about Bobby, but for savage aggressiveness and fighting heart the young Bay Stater ranks second to nothing we've seen hereabouts lately. Realizing in the first round that he couldn't compete at long range with the shifty, sharp-shooting Perez, Courschesne turned loose a violent attack that continued unabated for the rest of the fight. Jolted time and again by Perez's snappy left hooks and straight rights, Bobby refused to waver. Twice he was badly hurt—in the sixth and tenth rounds—but he survived the rough going and came back fighting. He was still in there winging away with both hands when the final bell rang. Johnny Busso, 144, East Side, decisioned Johnny Lissy, 150, Yorkville, in the semi-final six. Ralph Petersen, 146, Pleasantville, N. J., outpointed Wesley Lowery, 146, Allentown, Pa., in another six. In fours, Al Dixon, 146½, Long Island City, won from Jackie Orlando, 148½, Bronx, and Chico Velez, 134, Long Island City, whipped Tony Franco, 135¼, West Side.

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JOHNNY SUMMERLIN

This is Johnny Summerlin, Detroit heavyweight, born in Luverne, Alabama, 23 years ago. It might be recalled that a fellow named Joseph Louis Barrow was also born in that state, in 1914. He buried the "Barrow" and is known to posterity as plain Joe Louis.

There's another similarity: Joe Louis moved to Detroit at an early age. So did Johnny Summerlin.

Summerlin, who turned pro in 1950, won his first two fights by decision, the next seven by knockout. He is 6'1" tall, weights 193, and he—like Henry Armstrong—hit the popularity jackpot in California. He has had 35 fights, lost 4.

Johnny has had three fights in the Golden State. Unsung and unheralded, he was brought to Los Angeles by Roy Gardner, well-known boxing man and now the co-manager of Summerlin, to fight highly-publicized Charley Powell. Powell was the odds-on choice.

Summerlin knocked out Powell in the 6th—knocked him right back to professional football, where he is now an outstanding member of the famed San Francisco 49ers, a defensive end.

A month later, Johnny returned to the City of the Angeles; this time he whipped Young Jack Johnson, the state heavyweight champion by decision. Summerlin came back for the third time and faced sensational Zora Folley, undefeated Arizona heavy.

Folley had won distinction on the Rocky Marciano-Don Cockell card in San Francisco by scoring a one-round kayo over Howard King, of Reno. San Francisco sports scribes gave him rave notices.

But when Folley faced Summerlin, he was outclassed—and sent to the showers in the 6th round.

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By JERSEY JONES

WITH the supply of ring talent for exploitation on national TV reaching a desperate low, the International Boxing Club is reported interested in the possible reopening of the Ridgewood Grove in Brooklyn as a "farm" club to encourage the development of local youngsters as future Big-Time attractions. The I. B. C., so the story goes, will not do the actual promoting, but will "underwrite" the club against financial losses, if any.

No confirmation or denial has been forthcoming as yet from I. B. C. headquarters, but something unquestionably has to be done, and soon, to get the "small clubs" back into circulation before the steadily-dwindling supply of available talent runs out completely. With Wednesday and Friday television commitments, Jim Norris' organization must come up with approximately 100 shows annually, and, frankly, there aren't enough able fighters now to fulfill the needs.

New York City, once the capital of the boxing world, is in a sorry condition these days. Only two local clubs are licensed, and when I. B. C. operations have to move out of Madison Square Garden because of ice shows, rodeos and circuses, that leaves the St. Nicholas Arena as the sole swatatorium in town.

From mid-September to mid-October, only *five* fight cards were offered hereabouts—the Rocky Marciano-Archie Moore affair, promoted by the I. B. C. at the Yankee Stadium, and the four weekly programs at St. Nick's.

Five cards in one month represent New York City's worst boxing record in the 35-year existence of the Walker Law.

Shucks, it wasn't so long ago we had more shows than that *every week!*

PREVIOUS VENTURES UNPRODUCTIVE.

If the I. B. C. does tie up with the Ridgewood Grove, it won't be the organization's first experience in "underwriting" a small club. Two brief ventures, first at Westchester County Civic Center in White Plains, then at St. Nick's here, not only proved expensive but, more important, not too productive. Norris himself explained: "We're willing to spend money for encouraging returns, but there's no sense tossing dough away in a hopeless cause. We didn't see prospects of anything developing in White Plains. We did better at St. Nick's, where two of our present attractions, middleweight Ray Drake and featherweight Carmelo Costa, were promoted to their first main bouts, but the problem there was the heavy operating expenses, particularly the rental. They were much too much for small-club operations."

The I. B. C. wouldn't have such a robust overhead to contend with at the Grove, and the financial gamble there would be less than half what it was at St. Nick's.

Sentimental veterans in this generally hard-bitten trade would like to see the Grove open again. For nearly thirty years, the arena was one of the liveliest fight centers in the East. Many a champion and near-champion started there. Tony Canzoneri, for one, made his pro debut at the Grove and fought there often. Operating on Saturday night, the arena was something more than just a fight club. It became a sort of weekly meeting place for the community. Guys brought their gals, husbands their wives—and even their kids when they were old enough.

The advent of TV marked the beginning of the end for the club. It finally quit about five years ago. A couple of sporadic efforts have since been made to revive activity there, but they were unsuccessful.

JINX ON BANTAM HEADLINERS?

We doubt if any of boxing's eight weight divisions has ever known such a rapid succession of unfortunate happenings to its headliners as the bantam class has experienced in the last year. Following the retirement of Champion Jimmy Carruthers of Australia, the world's leading 118-pounders were Robert Cohen of France, Chamrern Songkitrat of Thailand, Mario D'Agata of Italy, Raul Raton Macias of Mexico and Willie Toweel of South Africa.

As the top contenders, Cohen and Songkitrat tangled in Bangkok for the vacant title. Cohen won. Songkitrat suffered a fractured nose and was out of action for six months.

Returning to France, Cohen had one non-title affair, then accepted terms to defend his laurels against Toweel in Johannesburg. Just as he was about to begin training, he was seriously hurt in an automobile accident. Suffering severe head injuries and a crushed chest, the Algerian was in a hospital for several weeks.

Then D'Agata, back in Italy after a successful Australian campaign, found himself entangled in an argument between his mother and her partner in a local laundry. Mario ended up in a hospital with several bullet wounds.

Songkitrat, accepting the match on only two weeks' notice after his layoff, was brought to San Francisco to meet Macias. His nose refractured early in the fight, the Thailander was eventually knocked out.

Then Macias, who had previously flattened Billy Peacock in Mexico City, met Peacock again in San Francisco. Raul not only was demolished in the third round, but collected a broken jaw.

Meanwhile, France was becoming excited about another bantam, young Hilaire Pratesi, who culminated a spectacular winning streak by knocking out rugged, experienced Andre Valignat for the national title.

With Cohen and D'Agata back in action after their hospital sieges, it was planned to match the Italian with Pratesi, then pair the winner with Cohen, if the latter retained his title in the re-scheduled match with Toweel in South Africa.

The Cohen-Toweel affair ended in a draw, but it looks now as though it'll be another spell before Robert will be able to defend his laurels again. He came out of the Johannesburg bout with several bones cracked in his left hand.

When Cohen is ready to risk his title again, D'Agata probably will be the opponent—if nothing untoward happens to the Italian in the meantime. D'Agata won't have to meet Pratesi in an elimination. At this writing it looks as though Hilaire's ring career is ended. Victim of an automobile crash, he is in a hospital, badly mangled, one side paralyzed.

The only ranking bantam who hasn't met up with mis-

fortune this last year is Toweel. But Willie has no intention of trying to stretch his luck. He has announced that from now on he'll fight as a featherweight.

ONE-MAN DEMOLITION GANG.

It must be getting so that the mere mention of Nino Valdes' name brings shudders to European heavyweights. The Cuban seems to have made himself a one-man devastation squad over yonder. When he slugged Don Cockell out of competition in three rounds in London recently, Valdes posted his third knockout in two years over a ranking European. Nino's first jaunt, to Dortmund, Germany, produced a four-round kayo over Heinz Neuhaus. On his next trip he ended the remarkable career of 40-year-old Karel Sys by belting him out, also in the fourth, in Brussels, Belgium. About the only heavyweights of consequence over there now are two comparative newcomers, Franco Cavicchi of Italy, who holds the European title, and his No. 1 challenger, Ingemar Johansson of Sweden. We presume Valdes is already planning his next two trans-Atlantic hops, unless the European Boxing Union, in self-defense, decides to bar him as a menace to health and happiness.

The testimonial dinner tossed recently at Crystal Lake, West Orange, for Captain Joe McCartney of the Orange Police Force was a well-deserved tribute to a swell guy and a fine all-around athlete in his day. Although he was known mainly as a boxer, and as rough and tough a middleweight as you could find, Joe also was a handy performer in football and basketball. McCartney, who fought during the early '30s, met up with the likes of Maxie Rosenbloom, Lou Bogash, Phil Krug and Harry Martone, to list only some of the many.

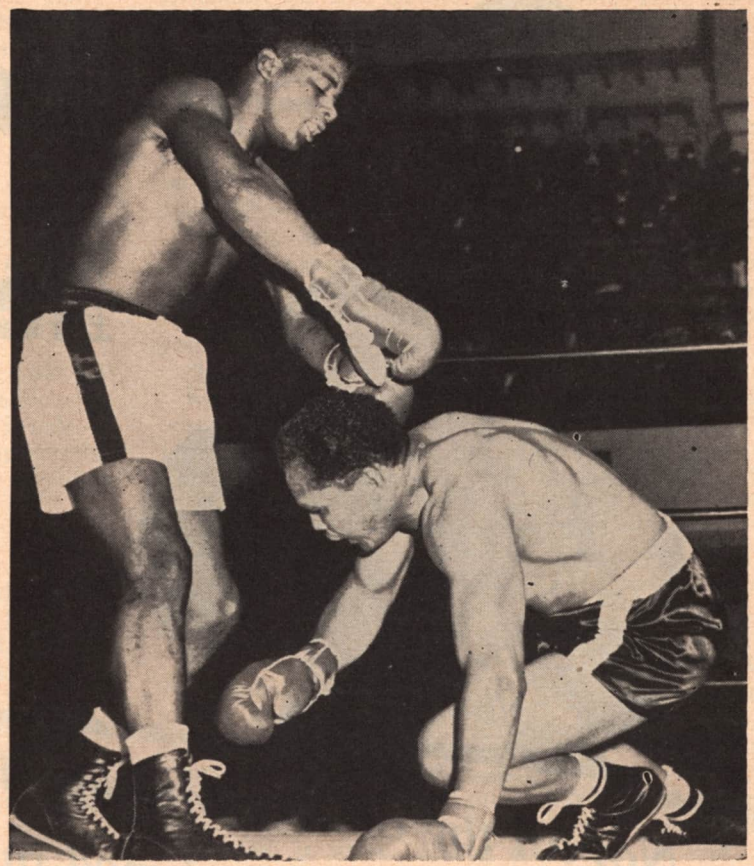
That was a nice thing the Boxing Writers Association did in ordering a stone for Jack Dillon's grave in the Florida State Hospital's cemetery at Chattahoochie. The one-time Giant Killer, one of the ring's all-time greats, died in the hospital in 1942, but not until recently was it brought to the B. W. A.'s attention that the only identification on the grave was a small marker with a number on it.

THIS AND THAT.

The latest ex-boxer to bid for a career in show business is Walter Cartier, Greenwich Village middleweight, who has been doing a fine job in the supporting cast of Sid Silvers' weekly "You'll Never Get Rich" program over the CBS-TV chain. There's also some talk around that the Merry Madcap, Max Baer, is angling for a television show that will have him in the starring role.

Leo (Kid) Roy, who, at 54, died recently in his native Montreal, was one of the best fighters ever developed in Canada. An aggressive sort and good puncher, he rated well up with the world's top featherweights during the '20s, and was as popular with American fans as he was with Canadians. He fought such headliners in Louis (Kid) Kaplan, Benny Bass, Danny Kramer, Bobby Garcia and Billy DeFoe. He expanded into a lightweight toward the finish of his career, which ended in 1929.

Another old-timer counted out recently was Tommy Bergin, 65 when he passed away in Lewiston, Maine. Managed by Leo P. Flynn, Bergin fought in the pre-World War I era, first as a lightweight, then as a welter, and he did quite a bit of his glove-tossing in and around New York. He was the second opponent Tommy Gibbons faced when Mike's talented kid brother made his first visit to New York back in 1912-13. Bergin's career was abruptly ended by failing vision.



Brooklyn's sensational light-heavy, Floyd Patterson, campaigning in California, knocks Dave Whitlock down in second round of San Francisco bout. Patterson dropped Whitlock twice in that round and finished him in third.

THE month's results:

Relying on shifty defensive, counter-punching tactics, Jimmy Slade, 180, Harlem, edged out taller, heavier Archie McBride, 189, Trenton, N. J., in a tame ten at St. Nicholas Arena. Although unanimous winner with all three officials, Slade didn't look much like one at the finish. His face was a mass of cuts and bruises, while McBride, the loser, was unmarked. McBride forced the action throughout but for the most part the lighter, speedier Slade was too elusive for him. Up-and-coming Carlos Ortiz, 132½, East Side, had a bit too much of everything for Hector Rodriguez, 133, Brooklyn, in a lively semi-final six. A couple of rival Washingtonians came all the way to New York to settle differences in another six, Ernie Williams, 145½, winning from Bobby Shell, 142½. A pair of scheduled fours ended in quick kayos, Don McAteer, 162½, Paterson, N. J., finishing Fred Collier, 158, Brooklyn, at 1:14 of the first, and George Washington, 206½, Brooklyn, getting credit for a win over Henry Hawkins, 206¼, Harlem, when their affair was halted at the end of the second because of a nasty gash over Hawkins' left eye, the result of a head-on collision.

▶ The crowd at Yankee Stadium was well entertained while waiting for the Rocky Marciano-Archie Moore affair to get underway. I.B.C. matchmaker Billy Brown and his assistant Jack Barrett booked eleven four-round bouts to precede the title affair, but two of them weren't needed. The nine bouts presented offered a ton and a half (3,474½ pounds, to be exact) of assorted ring talent, and the action moved along at a brisk pace. Four pairings ended in knockouts, one resulted in a draw, and the other four went to decisions. The fastest job of the lot was turned in by Ernie Cab, 208, Harlem, who polished off Lou Benson, 220½, Baltimore, with only one second remaining of one round. The other three kayos were second-round affairs, Toxie Hall, 197½, Chicago, stopping Bob Biehler, 182, Rochester, N. Y., at 0:26; Clint Bacon, 176, Chicago, eliminating Hosie Boil, 178, Hempstead, L. I., at 1:08, and Mike DeJohn, 194, Syracuse, flattening Jack Taylor, 214, Newark, N. J., at 1:35. The one draw was produced in the semi-final spot, Calvin Wilson, 197½, Philadelphia, sharing honors with Johnny Jenkins, 178, Harlem. In the remaining numbers Warnell Lester, 183, Bel Air, Md., whipped Waddell Hanna, 174, Philadelphia; Julius Griffin, 196, Brooklyn, won from Frank Williams, 187, Cincinnati, O.; Michael Maye, 198, trounced a fellow-Bronxite, Johnny Orgen, 204, and Frank Gioseffi, 192, Bronx, decisioned Bob O'Brien, 195, West Side.

▶ Showing in an American ring for the first time in five years, lanky Bobby Dawson, 153½, Blackley, Ga., tired toward the finish and lost a decision to Neal Rivers, 155¾, Niagara Falls, in a busy ten at St. Nicholas Arena. Dawson, who had been campaigning in Europe, was the better boxer and sharper puncher, but he had been out of action for eight months—since Yolande Pompey demolished him in England—and obviously was rusty from the long layoff. Bobby had the better of the early rounds, and ripped a nasty gash over Rivers' left eye in the third, but he slowed down as the bout progressed and was outhustled and outpunched in the closing rounds by his crude but aggressive opponent. A weary Dawson had particularly rough going in the last stanza when his legs buckled several times from Rivers' looping rights to the jaw, but he managed to finish on his feet. Bobby Scanlon, 135¼, Buffalo, outpointed Art Oubre, 135¼, Bunkie, La., in the semi-final six. Jimmy Moulton, 140, West Side, grabbed

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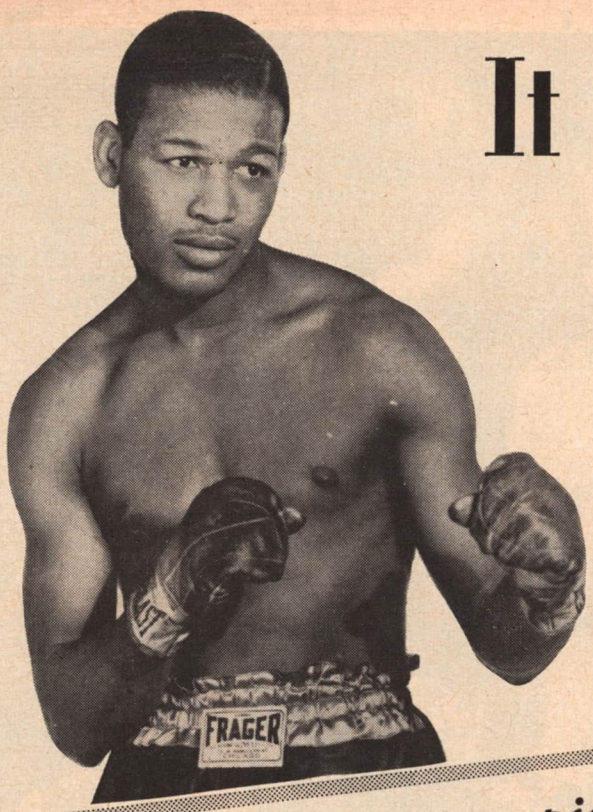


Not all the old champions showed superiority to those who reigned in recent years.

By LEW ESKIN

IT has been the tendency to over-glamourize the old timers in all fields of sports. The records show that in most fields of athletics the more recent and present athletes are just as good, if not better, than their predecessors.

In track and field events, each year new records are set. The boys run faster, jump further and higher and almost all of the Old Timer's records have gone by the boards.

The unbreakable four minute mark in the mile has been shattered again and again. The many records set by the great Jim Thorpe have fallen by the wayside.

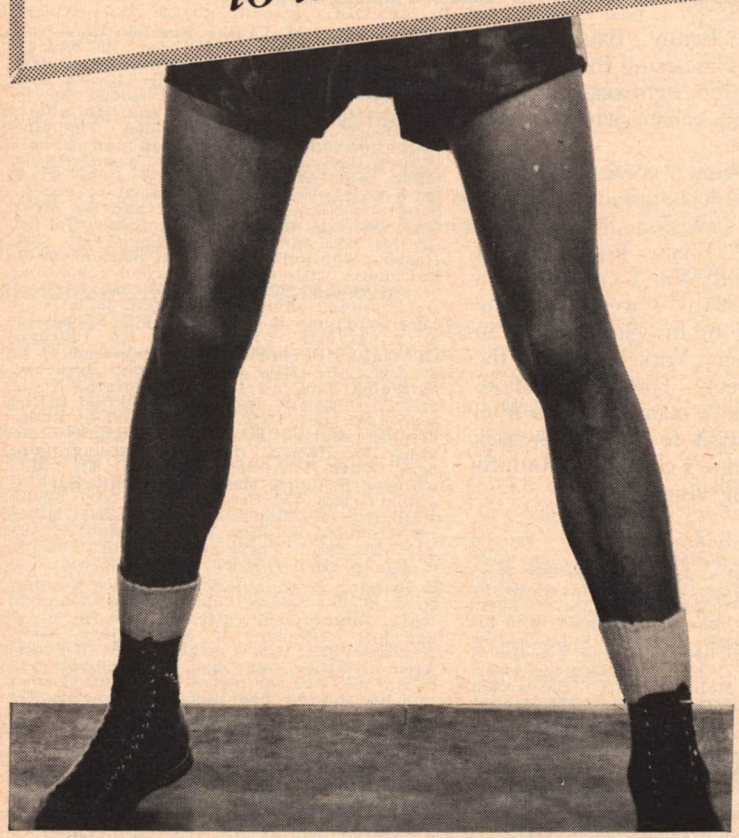
Aquatic marks are being set by the score until Johnny Weissmuller has become another guy who played "Tarzan".

Herb Score, the Cleveland southpaw, recently snapped Grover Cleveland Alexander's freshman strike out mark that had stood for over 35 years. And not so long ago, Bob Feller broke the pitching records of Johnson, Mathewson, Young, Alexander and other old time greats. Yet today, baseball is supposed to be a hitter's game.

Still, the old timers in the fistic sport boast of their fighters as being tops. To them all of the modern boxers are "bums" in comparison.

Delving into "THE RING" record book, we've discovered a number of surprising facts.

A breakdown by divisions of the three top champions, old timers and the more recent ones, (those who started after 1920), shows that the later day title holders more then held their own, not only on records, but in ability and longevity as champions and in the number of bouts and years in the ring.



Ray Robinson, of the modern group, was a champion who fought often and long and was not averse to putting either of his titles on the line.

Of the eight classes, the old timers reign only over three—the flyweights, Jimmy Wilde 6 years 6 months; featherweights—Johnny Kilbane 11 years 3½ months; lightweights—Benny Leonard 7 years 7½ months. Bantamweight Manuel Ortiz, welterweight Freddie Cochrane, middleweight Tony Zale, light heavyweight Gus Lesnevich and heavyweight Joe Louis all are of the modern group.

Although George Dixon, who reigned many years ago, leads in the number of title bouts engaged in with 34, the runners up are all of the modern era—Joe Louis 27; Henry Armstrong 26; Manuel Ortiz 23 and Tony Canzoneri 20. If it had not been for World War II, who knows how many title defenses over his record of 25 Louis would have had?

Of the twenty-five longest winning streaks in fistic history, only two, Jimmy Barry's and Jack McAuliffe's are among these, despite the old timers having the benefit of the "No Decision" rule that made it possible for them to engage in contests where they had nothing to lose if it went the limit.

Now for a comparison of the champions.

Heavyweights:

Old Timers: Jack Johnson, total fights, 99; years, 1899-1926; active years, 27; no decisions, 14. James J. Jeffries, total fights, 23; years, 1896-1910; active years, 15; no decisions. Jack Dempsey, total fights, 74; years, 1914-1927; active years, 14; no decisions, 3.

Moderns: Joe Louis, total fights, 61; years, 1934-1951; active years, 18; no decisions, 0. Max Schmeling, total fights, 71; years, 1924-1948; active years, 25; no decisions, 0. Ezzard Charles, total fights, 106*; years 1940-1955*; active years, 16*; no decisions, 0.

* Still Active

Charles is the only heavyweight titleholder to have fought more than 100 battles and Ezz spent three years in the Army.

Johnson's 27 years look good but a check shows that he didn't have a fight in 1911, 1917, 1921 or 1925. He fought only once each and in 1910, 1912, 1915, 1916, and 1924. He had only two bouts in 1913, 1916 and 1926, and only three in 1908, 1920 and 1923. So in only 12 years was he really active.

Jeffries' 15 years also show false colors. He didn't fight from 1904 to 1910, and had only one fight in each of those years. He also fought only once in 1902 and 1903.

Like Charles, Louis and Schmeling lost time due to World War II.

Louis with three losses, had the best record, followed by Dempsey and Johnson each with five. But Johnson fought 14 no-decisions bouts and boxed 10 draws. Schmeling dropped ten, and Charles has lost fifteen, most of these in the last year, when he should have been in retirement. Of course Jefferies lost only to Johnson, but his twenty-three fights are less than a third of the others.

Light Heavyweights:

Old Timers: Jack Root, total fights, 55; years, 1897-1906; active years, 9; no decisions, 0. George Gardner, total fights, 70; years, 1897-1908; active years, 11; no decisions, 3. Battling Levinsky, total fights 259; years, 1906-1929; active years, 24; no decisions, 163.

Moderns: Tommy Loughran, total fights, 174; years, 1919-1937; active years, 19; no decisions, 45. Maxie Rosenbloom, total fights, 288; years, 1923-1939; active years, 17; no decisions, 21. Archie Moore, total fights, 145*; years, 1936-1955*; active years, 20*; no decisions, 0.

*Still Active

With the exception of Levinsky, over sixty percent of those bouts were no-decision affairs, the modern champs have it all over the others. Among the outstanding old time titleholders, Philadelphia Jack O'Brien fought for 14 years, Jack Dillon for 15, Mike McTigue for 21 and Georges Carpentier for 20. Of the modern group Joey Maxim is still active in his 16th year, while Gus Lesnevich was active 17 years and Freddy Mills 15.

Middleweights:

Old Timers: Kid McCoy, total fights, 102; years, 1891-1914; active years, 24; no decisions, 10. Billy Papke, total fights, 64; years, 1905-1919; active years, 15; no decisions, 9. Tommy Ryan, total fights, 111; years, 1887-1907; active years, 21; no decisions, 10.

Moderns: Mickey Walker, total fights, 146; years, 1919-1935; active years, 17; no decisions, 32. Tony Zale, total fights, 88; years 1934-1948; active years, 15; no decisions, 0. Ray Robinson, total fights, 145*; years, 1940-1955*; active years, 16*; no decisions, 0.

*Still Active

Kid McCoy with 24 years service is top man. But his record is misleading as he did not fight in 1906, 1907, 1909, 1910, 1912, or 1913, and only one bout each in 1891, 1905 and 1914. He engaged in two in 1902, 1903, and 1908 and three fights in 1901, 1904 and 1892. So from 1901 to the end of his career, he fought only 19 times, 5 of these in 1911. The majority of his fights were in the ten years from 1891 to 1900. Papke too had a span of five years, from 1914 to 1918 when he was not active, while Ryan did not see action in either 1905 or 1906.

Zale missed from 1943 to 1945 due to the World War, while Robinson did not fight in either 1953 or 1954, after retiring as the undefeated champion.

Stanley Ketchel and Harry Greb were left out along with Marcel Cerdan because they all died while still active. Ketchel in eight years of fighting was only 23 and most likely would have gone on for another 10 years at least, while Greb at 30 was nearing the end of the trail, after 14 years of battling.

Cerdan 33, had 16 years of ring warfare behind him when he was killed in an air crash.

Other 160 pound kings with long careers were "old timers" Frank Klaus, 15 years, Mike O'Dowd, 14 years; Johnny Wilson, 14 years and Al McCoy 12 years. Of the Modern group Ceferino Garcia led with 19 years, followed by Gorilla Jones with 17, and Teddy Yarosz and Al Hostak each with 14.

Welterweights:

Old Timers: Joe Walcott, Total fights, 150; years, 1890-1911; active years, 22; no decisions, 15. Ted Kid Lewis, total fights, 249; years, 1910-1929; active years, 20; no decisions, 63. Jack Britton, total fights, 317; years, 1905-1930; active years, 26; no decisions, 172.

Moderns: Henry Armstrong, total fights, 172; years, 1932-1945; active years, 14; no decisions, 1. Fritzie Zivic, total fights, 230; years 1931-1949; active years, 19; no decisions, 0. Jimmy McLarnin, total fights, 77; years, 1923-1936; active years, 14; no decisions, 0.

As you can see, more than sixty percent of Britton's bouts were "no decision" affairs. Armstrong packed 171 fights in 13 years. He fought only once in 1941. Lewis had only 13 fights in the last four years of his career, 8 of these in 1927. Walcott engaged in nine bouts in the last 3 years he fought. Once again the modern group stands out.

None of the other old time champs boxed more then 12 years, where modern kings, Young Corbett III put in 21 years, Tommy Freeman 18, Pete Latzo 16, Freddie (Red) Cochrane 14 and Kid Gavilan is now in his 16 year.

Lightweights:

Old Timers: Joe Gans, total fights, 163; years, 1891-1909; active years, 19; no decisions, 19. Battling Nelson, total fights, 134; years, 1896-1917; active years, 22; no decisions, 35. Benny Leonard, total fights, 209; years, 1912-1932; active years, 21; no decisions, 114.

Moderns: Tony Canzoneri, total fights, 180; years, 1925-

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WITH OUR SERVICEMEN

BY "G.I." JOE SMITH

MARINE NEWS

EX-MARINE CARMEN BASILIO, welterweight champ of the world, recently visited his brother, Sgt. A. C. Basilio, at Quantico, Va. Sgt. Basilio managed the Quantico boxing team last year.

Speaking of Marines . . . A boxing stance has been adopted by the United States Marines, as a Thrust in Bayonet Fighting.

The marines have officially adopted a new "boxing" technique of bayonet fighting which was devised by a college professor.

The new style of bayonet combat was adopted after it received the endorsement of Gen. Lemuel C. Shepherd, Jr., Marine Commandant. The corps expects to issue training bulletins shortly explaining the new technique. It was developed by Dr. Armond H. Seidler, University of Illinois professor, and is based on the natural thrusts and jabs used in the ring.

ODD NOTES

Cisco Andrade, was one time boxing instructor at Ft. Ord, Calif. He has a recent win over Orlando Zulueta.

Andrade served four years in the Army. In 1948 he was runner-up in the All-Army boxing finals. In all he had 148 amateur fights, most of them while in service. A brother, Ray Andrade, was killed fighting with the 82nd Airborne Division in Korea.

Pvt. Joey Giambra of Ft. Hood, Texas, lost a tough (and unpopular) decision to middleweight champ Carl (Bobo) Olson in their 10-round non-title go at San Francisco. Going into the bout, Giambra had won 41 out of 45, including 24 by kayos.

Johnny Ramos, formerly with the United States Air Force, at Gary Air Force Base in Texas, is doing well for himself. After losing his first fight he has won five, three by kayos.

When it comes to fighting, Pvt. Chuck Roston of Camp Gordon, Ga., is one boxer who has been around. Since entering the Army in 1948, he has met 49 service opponents in Europe, Japan and the United States. The 125-pounder's record speaks for itself; 42 wins against 7 losses. In 1952 and 1953 the 27-year-old Pittsburgh featherweight captured both the Eighth Army and the All-Korean championships and still is going strong.

JACK OF ALL TRADES

Master sergeant R. J. "Chink" Broussard of Ft. Hood, Tex., is what you might call a "jack of all trades" when it comes to the fight game. Since entering the Army in 1940 he has been a fighter, trainer, coach, matchmaker, and even a ring official.

His service record as a fighter is quite impressive: 1940—Middleweight champ, 31st Division, Camp Blanding, Fla.; 1941—Middleweight champ, 31st Division at Camp Bowie, Tex.; 1941—Middleweight champ, Golden Gloves at Jacksonville, Fla., and Charleston, S. C.; 1942—Middleweight champ, "Stars and Stripes" tournament in London, England; 1943—Middleweight champ, North Africa championships.

Broussard recalls that in 1943 he dropped "a close decision" in a North African exhibition bout to Lew Jenkins, then of the United States Coast Guard. Jenkins, former lightweight champ of the world, is now with the Army. He is stationed in Hawaii with the 25th Inf. Division as a master sergeant.

You wrestling fans and servicemen

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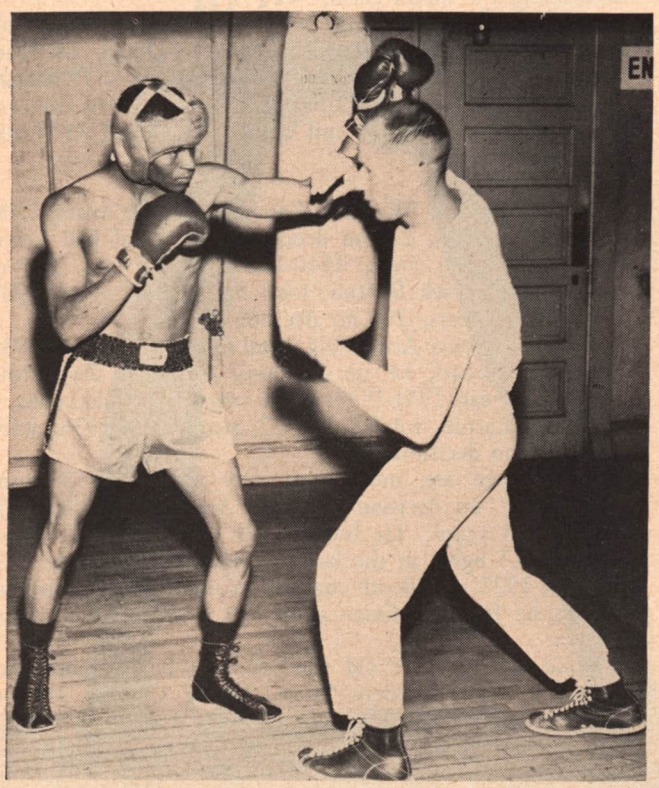
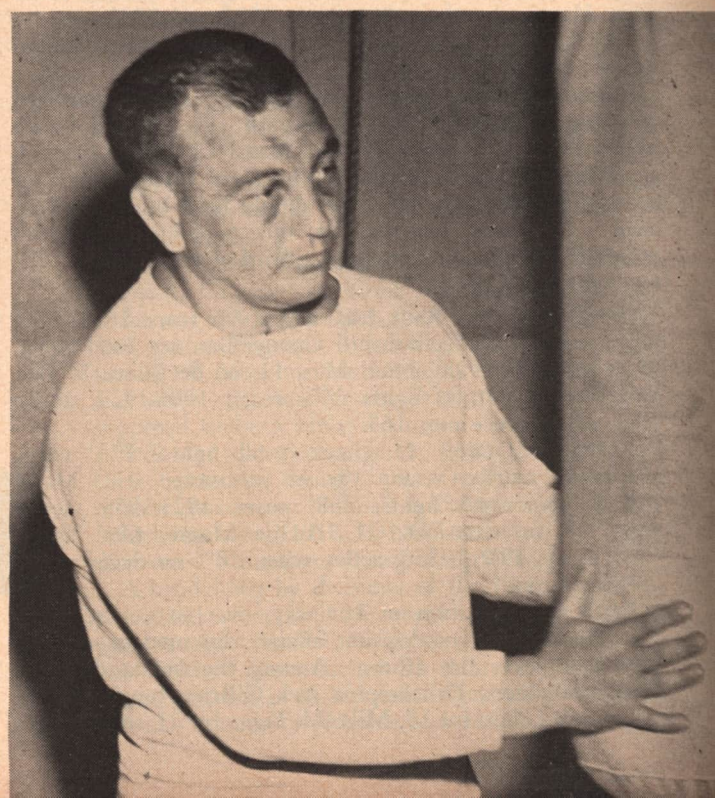


Boatswain's Mate First Class Bill DeMitchell, (r.), still coaching the United States Naval Training Station, Bainbridge, Md. ducks a practice left jab thrown by Thomas G. Cheatham, Jr., during a workout. Cheatham, who now is in the Navy was a former Army boxing champ. He served three years with the Army and won the Welterweight Championship of the European Command while stationed in Germany. He hails from New Kensington, Pa., and won 27 out of 37 bouts 19 by knockouts.

Steadying the bag is John Wareing, Chief Aviation Machinist's Mate, who is the boxing coach of the Fourth Regiment at Bainbridge, Md.



WITH OUR SERVICEMEN

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may like to know that The Great Dane (not the dog), California pro wrestler, is in reality a dog face with the United States Army. The Army knows him as Pvt. James Sorensen of Ft. Ord, Calif. Another wrestler in service is Pvt. John R. Wilson, 6th Armd, Cav., Germany . . . this twenty year old 123-pounder has wrestled as an amateur since 1949 . . . in the 112-lb. class he won the Junior AAU crown in 1951 . . . won the Wester, Pa. and South-Western conference titles in 1952.

As 115-pounder, Wilson won Wilkes-Barre open college crown in 1953. He hopes to make the Olympic team in 1956.

Former All-Service flyweight champion in 1954 and All-Navy titleholder this year, before his discharge from the Navy, Cliff Eskridge is now fighting as a pro. He lauched his pro career with a four round knockout of former Texas A.A.U. champion Ellis Cortez at Houston on July 12th. He travelled over 3,000 miles from his fighting base of Washington, D. C. for the fight.

He has followed that victory with a ten round decision over Freddy Hartell in Spartanburg, S. C., to win the Southern Flyweight title and then kayoed "Snow Ball Beep Bop Killer" Wilson in two at Florence, S. C., and journeyed to Holyoke, Mass., to defeat Maurice Treadway.

Under the management of Chris Cline who guided Henry (Pappy) Gault to the North American bantamweight title and a shot at Jimmy Carruthers' world crown a few years ago, Cliff has the ability and determination to go a long way.

A fine boxer, who punches surprisingly hard for a 110 pounder, he has had all four of his opponents on the floor.

He hopes to meet Canadian title claimant Gil Geekie, and then face American champion Memo Diez. Only 20 years old this five foot 2 inch, ex-gob, could go all the way, following the footsteps of another ex-sailor who came out of a "Blue-Jacket" to capture the flyweight crown, Johnny Buff.

THE MAT WORLD

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of the villain. However, after Bastian had been sat on top of the ropes by his opponent and then knocked out of the ring with a punch on the chin, he turned on a blast of fury which won him the bout.

An open air show, staged earlier in the month in Winnipeg's recently erected Stadium, saw strong man Doug Hepburn, 285, Toronto, and Ilio Di Paolo, 245, Italy, defeat villains Kinji Shibuya and "Joe" Dusek, 248, Omaha, Neb., in two out of three falls.

Shibuya took the first heat by pinning Di Paolo; Di Paolo retaliated by pinning Shibuya to take the second, while the Toronto strong boy climaxed the bout by subduing Dusek with his famous up-side-down bear hug.

In the opener, Adrian Baillargeon, 238, South Amboy, N. J., defeated Stan Kowalski, 248, Detroit, in 7.40 minutes. Johnny Kostas, 241, Greece, took the special event by pinning Toronto's Pat Fraley, 268, in 12.15 minutes, while Red Bastian was declared winner of the semi-final when he defeated Oni Wiki Wiki, 240, Hawaii, after a hectic bout lasting 23.40 minutes. Bastian, a popular favorite in Winnipeg, seems always to be pitted against rough, tough opponents.

EYES CENTERED ON MOORE

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Loughran, Lewis, Billy Conn and Lesnevich. Gene Tunney forgot about being American light-heavyweight champion when the opportunity came to fight Jack Dempsey.

In some instances it was ambition that caused the light-heavyweight champion to move up. In others, it was the difficulty of making weight.

Moore had both motives when he fought Marciano. He wants to try again but he still has the light-heavyweight title to fall back on. The class is established now, and Moore has been a reasonably good champion.

His series with Maxim prevented others from getting a chance for a time but Archie got around to Johnson eventually. His fight with Olson was popular with the public and proved a financial success. He earned the right to fight Marciano by virtue of his easy triumph over the middleweight king. Now he has a duty to defend the light-heavyweight title.

THERE have been times when nobody was interested in a 175-pound class. Fitzsimmons didn't think much of the title which he won after losing the heavyweight championship. Neither did O'Brien, who won the light-heavyweight crown when he knocked out Fitzsimmons in 1905. Philadelphia Jack never bothered to defend it.

The class was non-exsistent from 1905 to 1912. It was revived by Jack Dillon, known as the "Giant Killer," who claimed the American title. He was defeated by Battling Levinsky in 12 rounds at Boston. Levinsky, as American champion, was knocked out in 1920 by Carpentier, who was then recognized as world light-heavyweight champion.

Since then the title has been vacated several times, by Jack Delaney, Loughran, Lewis and Conn. But it has remained alive and when champions stepped aside their sucessors were named through elimination tournaments. Jack Root, the first light-heavyweight champion, is still alive. He's 78 years old and living in California. He started the class in 1903 when he defeated Kid McCoy, but held the title only four months, losing it to George Gardner.

Except for the 15 year lapse—1905 to 1920—there has always been a world light-heavyweight champion. Now the responsibility rests with Archie Moore. As a fighter he is about as good as they come. When he fights Turpin, British fans will appreciate his boxing skill. He is an artist, and at the same time a destructive hitter, just the type the British enjoy seeing. His record spans 20 years, and he knows all the tricks of the ring.

The challengers are men capable of bringing out Moore's best talents. Patterson and Pastrano are the outstanding, most deserving and promising youngsters.

Turpin and Hecht are veterans. Each is capable of giving old Archie a fight, and if the beating he took from Marciano has weakened him physically, Archie may find even Turpin, who has fallen back considerably as a fighter since he faced Robinson in New York, a menace. But we in America don't think that Moore will have much trouble taking care of Randy.

At the moment Archie Moore stands supreme in the 175 pound division. He has been and still is a great fighter, far surperior to any of his challengers.

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1939; active years, 15; no decisions, 3. Ike Williams, total fights, 158*; years, 1940-1955*; active years, 16*, no decisions, 0. Jimmy Carter, total fights, 99*; years, 1946-1955*; active years, 10*; no decisions, 0.

*Still Active

Over half of Leonard's contest were no decisions bouts. He had no fights from 1925 to 1932 and only 1 in 1924. Also Battling Nelson who had only four fights from 1896 to 1898 and only six from 1914 to the end of his career.

Of the other old timers, only Willie Ritchie with 21 years, Ad Wolgast with 17 and Freddie Welsh and Rocky Kansas each with 16 fought for more than 12 years.

Of the modern era, Lew Jenkins, with time out for two wars, put in 17 years, Sammy Mandell and Sammy Angott (between retirements) were active for 15. Juan Zurita and Bob Montgomery each 14, and Beau Jack is still fighting in his 16th year.

Featherweights: (Short careers for top featherweights)

Old Timers: Johnny Dundee, total fights, 318; years, 1910-1932; active years, 23; no decisions, 152. Abe Attell, total fights, 164; years, 1900-1913; active years, 14; no decisions, 49. Terry McGovern, total fights, 76; years, 1897-1908; active years, 11; no decisions, 10.

Moderns: Kid Chocolate, total fights, 158; years, 1926-1938; active years, 13; no decisions, 0. Willie Pep, total fights, 202*; years, 1940-1955*; active years, 16*; no decisions, 0. Sandy Saddler, total fights, 157*; years, 1944-1955*; active years, 12*; no decisions, 0.

*Still Active

The records uncover the surprising fact that Terry McGovern and Abe Attell ranked usually as one, two among the all-time 126 pound greats, both had comparably short careers. While Terry's career spanned 11 years, he had only 13 bouts from 1902 to 1908, four of these in 1903. Slightly less than a third of Attell's fights were no-decision affairs. He engaged in a record number of five draws in title bouts.

The Amazing Willie Pep, who just passed the 200 fight mark and is closing in on that same number of wins, served in both the Army and Navy during World War II and survived an airplane crash. Sandy Saddler, in service during the Korean War, lost all of 1953 and most of 1952 due to his Army time yet passed the 100 kayo mark and appears on his way to setting an all-time record for kayo victories.

Other old timers who were active for any mentionable span of time were Billy Murphy, 20 years; Eugene Criqui, 19 years; Johnny Kilbane 17 and Del Hawkins 15.

The Modern group counters with Chalky Wright 20, and Benny Bass and Jackie Wilson 18 years. Once again the "upstarts" more than earn an even break.

Bantamweights:

Old Timers: George Dixon, total fights, 145; years, 1886-1906; active years, 21; no decisions, 8. Pete Herman, total fights, 129; years, 1913-1922; active years, 10; no decisions, 56. Kid Williams, total fights, 172; years, 1910-1925; active years, 16; no decisions, 68.

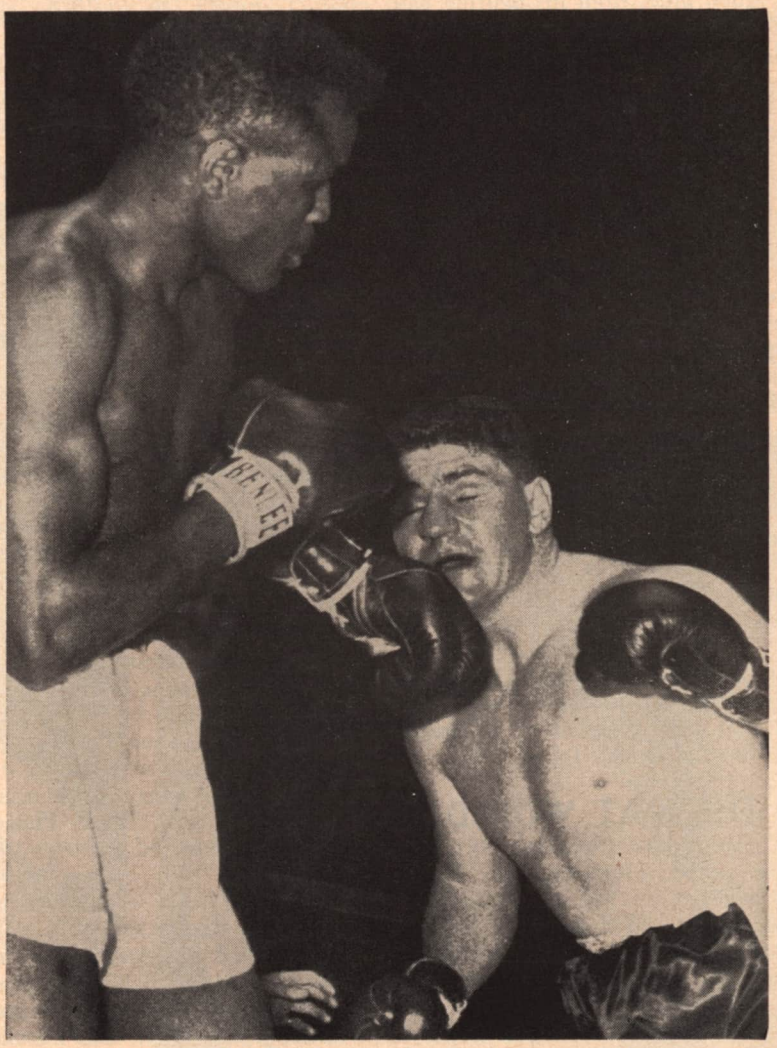
Moderns: Al Brown, total fights, 151; years, 1922-1944; active years, 23; no decisions, 0. Sixto Escobar, total fights, 64; years, 1931-1940; active years, 10; no decisions, 0. Manuel Ortiz, total fights, 120*; years, 1938-1955*; active years, 18*; no decisions, 0.

*Still Active

Dixon, a great little fighter and Panama Al Brown head the bantams. Brown fought a bit longer and had a few more fights, but Dixon fought better men. The reverse is true of Ortiz and Williams. The Kid had more bouts in less time, but Ortiz defended his title 16 times before losing it to Harold Dade. He regained it and added 5 more defenses before dropping his title to Vic Toweel. Herman had his career cut short by bad eye sight while Escobar's career was shortened by illness and World War II. Of the other 118 pounders who ruled the roost, "old timers" Joe Bowker leads with 18 years followed by Jimmy Coulon with 16 and Harry Forbes with 15.

Among the moderns, Harry Jeffra who also held the featherweight crown, was active for 18 years, Bushy Graham's 15, Lou Salica 12 and Harold Dade still going in his 14th year, proving that moderns are not far behind the old timers in activity.

The "Old Timers" had the advantage of setting their own weights for a title bout. They named their own referees and the number of rounds they wanted the fight. Can you imagine a titleholder attempting to do anything like that today? It appears that time clouds the memory.



Tommy (Hurricane) Jackson scores with left during process of battering Rex Layne into submission in Detroit. Layne gave good account of himself for four rounds, but faded after that and bout was halted in sixth because of ugly gash over Rex's left eye.

MINNESOTA NEWS
By Billy Colbert

LABOR TEMPLE, MINNEAPOLIS—The first show at the Labor Temple was a success and more will follow. In the main event: Ron Bagley, Cleveland, O., 132, won a clearcut decision over Danny Davis, Minneapolis, 138, in eight rounds. Bagley, a former Golden Gloves champion, showed a lot of class for a boy with only a half a dozen pro fights.

Billy Tyree, Omaha, 161, won a decision over Jim Hegerle, St. Paul, 160, in six rounds. This was the first loss for Hegerle for some time.

Joe Schmozle, Minneapolis, 161, a former amateur champ, won his first pro fight, knocking out Bob Swinborn, Chicago, 155, in three rounds.

Jim Perrault, Duluth, 155, won over Dick Brewer, Chicago, 149, in six rounds.

Wally Kurbo is the Labor Temple matchmaker.

▶ Harold Alle, a veteran campaigner, had his license renewed by the boxing commission. He is a welterweight.

The National Guard of Winona has been granted a boxing franchise.

Dave Garfinkle, Minneapolis, is the manager of Jackie Graves in his comeback attempt.

Hard Boiled Haggerty is the best drawing card around the Twin Cities in the wrestling game.

▶ Glen Flanagan lost a decision to Eddie Chavez in Richmond, Calif., but took the fight on a few days notice. Glen is the busiest fighter around these parts.

Del Flanagan is busy training for a fall campaign.

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BOXING IN BUTTE AND THE NORTHWEST
By Bo "Bow Tie" Grmoljez

SOME OF THE GREATEST fighters in the world have appeared in Butte even before the days of the original Joe Wallcott who dumped Moze LaFontize in three heats in the mining camp many years ago. Then there were Benny Yangor, Nelson, Clabby, Dillon, Ortega, Young Corbett, Welch and dozens and dozens of other all time greats such as Kid Broad, Wells, Dave Shade, and Stanley Ketchel, but few can recall a better ring battle than was fought at the Civic Center on October 4 between featherweights Jose Cotero of Los Angeles and Larry Vasquez of San Francisco. Vasquez who is managed by the astute Sid Flaherty, gained the nod by a split decision in a fight which will be long remembered here. Cotero lost by one point. Starting out fast, the elusive Vasquez countered repeatedly to add up points on the everpressing Cotero who came on with a rush the last three rounds which had the fans screaming with excitement.

▶ Joe D'Avy of Tooele, Utah flattened Carl Brunsen of Seattle in three rounds.

▶ Manager Bill Gochis has a coming top-notcher in the Tooele lightweight.

Ray Martinez, Butte welterweight, avenged his only loss by knocking out Mike Raymond of Ogden, Utah in the fifth round. Martinez is improving a great deal. The twenty year old scrapper will be heard from.

▶ Buddy Washington, Ogden junior welterweight, making a comeback, boxed Don Kennington to a four round draw while Tommy Berg of Seattle drew with Manuel Sengh of Ogden in a blazing four rounder.

IN SYRACUSE RINGS
By Billy Shaw

WORLD'S WELTERWEIGHT boxing champion, Carmen Basilio, will receive a guarantee of $75,000 to defend his crown against the boy from whom he took it, Tony DeMarco. They'll meet on November 30 at Boston. The winner has promised to meet Johnny Saxton in a title bout arranged for Syracuse.

▶ When Babe Risko held the middleweight diadem there was not the money in boxing there is today. And in Risko's day there were plenty of challengers around. Babe, now an official with the United States Hoffman Company, manufacturers of automatic pressing machines, is very busy traveling about the country for his firm. He found time to talk over old times with us the other day and the Babe was amazed at the current lack of ring talent.

▶ Henny Andrews has taken over the management of Pierre's restaurant in East Washington St., adjacent to the Yates Hotel. . . . Henny's beautiful Sports Room was destroyed by fire. . . . After a trip to California for a long needed vacation, Henny came back and took over Pierre's. . . . If Joey DeJohn gets in good condition we believe he could make a mint fighting Joey Giambra in Buffalo. . . . That one is natural for the Bison City. . . . Nick Barone is running a restaurant here. . . . See you next month.

▶ George Kartalian, former Inter-collegiate light-heavyweight king and captain of the Syracuse University boxing team is coming along nicely as a paid to belt boxer. George had piled up seven consecutive victories as we went to press. He is a powerful built lad who keeps himself in splendid physical condition. Mike DeJohn, the Syracuse heavyweight hopeful, continues to turn in his best fights out of town. He scored a one round knockout on the Marciano-Moore card in New York.

▶ We missed out recording the result of the Chuck Davey-Pat Manzi ten rounder at Saginaw, Mich., in our last pillar. By this time everybody knows Chuck got the decision but according to the tear sheets from Michigan papers, Manzi didn't get any the better of it in the verdict. Aftermath sent out by someone pointed out Manzi as overtrained and Davey "slowed down" from 15 months on the side lines. This should make Ross Moran happy.

▶ Promoter Norm Rothschild and his right hand, genial Irving Robbins are very busy boys these days, rounding up shows at War Memorial. Back in Rothschild's mind is the desire to promote another title fight and he is hoping if Basilio retains his title in the Boston party with DeMarco, he will get the Saxton bout here.

CONNECTICUT BOXING NEWS
By Sal Giacobbe

HARTFORD—Willie Pep, 129½, Hartford's former World's Featherweight Champion making his first hometown appearance in over four years, had little trouble in stopping Jimmy Ithia, 126, of New York in 1:54 of the sixth round. The show, sponsored by the Connecticut Boxing Guild, was an all out effort to raise as much money as possible for the Connecticut Flood Relief Program. In fact it's the first boxing show I've ever had to pay my way in as did all the others, including the boxers, their managers and handlers, the press and the boxing commissioners. Despite this all out effort, the fight drew a disappointing 1,214 payees for a gross of $3,369.

Bleeding from slight cuts over both eyes, Pep turned on a savage drive in the 5th and 6th rounds, forcing guest Referee Harry Kessler to stop the bout to save the outclassed Ithia from further damage.

Billy Lynch 145, Hartford returned to his winning ways by stopping Willie Renfro 151, also Hartford in the third of a scheduled six. Artie Lupo, 131, Hartford, undefeated in 9 previous fights scored his 10th straight by a KO over Manuel Garcia 135, of New York, in the 3rd round of a six. Steve Ward, 138, Hartford, looked real good in scoring a 5th round knock-out over Vinnie Williams, 136 of Meriden.

WESTERN PA. AND EASTERN OHIO
By Albert M. (Al) Wolgast

BIG EMIL BRTKO, PITTSBURGH HEAVYWEIGHT, looked good in stopping Tommy Wood, 195, Rankin, Pa., in the fifth round at Wheeling, W. Va.

Jackie King, 166, Hamilton, Ohio, beat Irish Jimmy Sanders, 164, Warren, Ohio; Lou Stanich, 153, Youngstown, Ohio, chilled Henry Mallory, Rochester, N. Y., in the fourth round; Al Powell, 153, Canton, Ohio, whipped Buck Henry, 154, Pittsburgh, 4. Jack Dempsey was the guest referee.

▶ Ten second notes: Ben Anolik, Pittsburgh boxing promoter, is planning to stage several shows this winter at the Pittsburgh Gardens. . . . While in New York to see the Marciano-Moore heavyweight fight, we dropped in the Ring Office for a visit with Boss Nat Fleischer, Nat Loubet and the staff. Nat F. is proudly showing off the new pictures of the Hall of Fame Fighters he expects to set up soon. They are beautiful. . . . Drop your notes to Al Wolgast, Farrell, Pa. . . . Be Sure of your Ring, subscribe.

NEW ORLEANS AND THE SOUTH
By Broadway Johnny Cox

TAB 19 YEAR OLD WILLIE PASTRANO, New Orleans heavyweight, as a comer in Rocky Marciano's division. The fleet-footed intelligent New Orleans stablemate of Ralph Dupas scored a convincing ten round decision over rough Paddy Young, Greenwich Village New York light heavyweight, staged by the Louisiana Boxing Enterprises, Inc. at Municipal Auditorium.

Pastrano, who had agreed to scale 175, for Young weighed, 177½ at noon on the day of the fight. Young weighed 171¼ pounds. Harry Stickevers, Young's manager, demanded that Pastrano take some weight off and Willie came down to half pound of the required weight.

A left hook by Pastrano sent Young through the ropes in the middle of the first round and Paddy took the count of seven. He was dropped again with a right cross and the bell ending round one stopped the count.

Referee Pete Giaruso and Judge Eddie "Kid" Wolfe awarded Pastrano seven heats and called two sessions even. Judge Francis Kercheval balloted seven rounds for Pastrano and three rounds for Irish Paddy.

Herbie Rodriguez, New Orleans undefeated welterweight, in the fistic stable of Jerome Conforto, knocked out veteran Pete Sanchez, Houston, Tex., in 1.21 of the second round of the six round semi-final. Sanchez scaled 151½ pounds.

Roger Ettienne, 136½ decisioned Leo Bayard, 133 in a four. Clyde Mayberry, Pittsburgh, Pa., now stationed at Keesler Field won a unanimous four round verdict over Bobby Morgan, 134¾, Miami. Jules Butch, 136½ copped a split four round verdict over Carlos Saavedra, 133 in another four.

4500 Fans paid a gross gate of $15.064.

Promoter Chris Dundee, Miami Beach, Fla., flew in and was a ringside spectator.

Lou Viscusi, pilot of former featherweight champion Willie Pep and manager of a large stable came in from Tampa, Fla., for the show.

▶ Charley Joseph, local middleweight, 160, won a very unpopular disputed ten round decision over Sammy Walker, 155, Springfield, Mass., in the feature ten round bout of promoter Heard Ragas, card staged at the Coliseum arena. The New Orleans lad chalked up his 30th professional ring victory in the Walker victory.

It was a hard fought fight with Walker in command in seven of the ten rounds. A large majority of the 1946 fans who paid a gross gate of $2285 protested the unpopular decision.

Lawrence "Monk" Armstead, local lightweight, scored a two round kayo over Isaac "Ike" Vaughan, Chicago, Ill., Pedro Bradley won an unpopular decision in six over Ray Steele. The Louisiana Athletic Commission later reversed the decision naming Steele the winner. William Huge, was awarded a four round decision over Jimmy Johnson, in a four round lightheavyweight battle.

▶ Kid Centella, 138, New Orleans lightweight, fighting the best fight of his career, won a unanimous ten round decision over Bobby Woods, 137½, Spokane, Wash., in a bloody and gruelling ten round fight at the Coliseum arena staged by promoter Heard Ragas. Centella and Woods topped a three bout all star fistic card.

Woods entered the ring a 2½ to 1 choice to defeat Centella, but the Nicaraugan fighter displayed ability and lots of courage.

1428 fans paid a gross gate of over $2800 to witness the triple card.

In another ten rounder on the card, Rocky Randell, 139½ Tampa, Fla., kept his winning streak intact by scoring a technical knockout over Ronnie Stribling 136, Chicago, Ill., in 2.52 of the eighth round.

▶ Aledo Mente, 138, Tampa, Fla., chalked up a nine round knockout over Danny Cardenas, 138½, San Antonio, Tex., in 2.55 of the ninth in their scheduled ten rounder. Cardenas gave Mente plenty of trouble but the strong Italian had too much punching power for Cardenas.

Undefeated Herbie Rodriguez, in the Jerome Conforto stable scored a one round kayo in 1.18 of the opening round of a four over Nolan Duplessis. They are welterweights.

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NEWS OF THE BRITISH ISLES

By JOHNNY SHARPE

LONDON, ENGLAND—British boxing, already at a low ebb, was dealt two more staggering blows in recent weeks by the stunning defeats of heavyweight Don Cockell and flyweight Dai Dower.

It was tough enough to absorb the three-round knockout Nino Valdes tossed into Cockell in London's big White City stadium, but the real stunner was the demolition job Young Martin of Spain did on previously unbeaten Dai Dower in Nottingham. The flashy little Welshman was given a brutal beating. He was knocked down no less than eight times before the finish in the twelfth round.

▶ Thus passed Britain's last chance for a world champion, at least for a while. Dower, holder of the European as well as the British flyweight titles, was rated No. 1 challenger for the world laurels, held by the little Argentino, Pascual Perez. Promoter Jack Solomons had been dickering for Perez to come to England and meet Dower, and negotiations were reported at a favorable stage. Now, of course, the match is off, and the only hope Dower has of getting himself back into a position to challenge for the world title is to square accounts with Martin and regain the European laurels. Chances of this happening, however, are not too bright, after the thorough job the Spaniard did on him in Nottingham. Still, nothing ever is certain in this fascinating boxing business, and if Dower learned anything by his defeat, and can profit from it, there may yet be a chance for him to regain his once conspicuous spot in the world flyweight ratings.

▶ About the only really encouraging development in the British scene of late has been the steady progress of the young heavyweight clan. Britain is extremely fortunate in having such an exceptional crop of young big fellows. Several of them—Henry Cooper, Joe Erskine and Dick Richardson—turned in impressive performances on the Valdes-Cockell card. All three will bear serious watching. So will Berian London, youngest son of former British Champion Jack London.

Here are the important results of the month:

▶ **LIVERPOOL STADIUM.**—Hogan Bassey, Nigeria, 126, had an easy journey in outpointing Juan Alvarez, Spain, 127, in ten rounds. . . . Tommy Molloy, Liverpool, 143, stopped Tim McLeary, Wrexham, 146¼, the referee intervening when McLeary was in a bad way. . . . Don Martin, Formby, 128, and Alf Cottam, Preston, 127¼, fought hard for eight rounds with the nod going to Martin by a narrow margin. . . . Paddy Walmsley, Preston, 112, stopped Ken Gregson, Blackpool, in the first round. . . . Brian Clarkson, Liverpool, 137, and Bobby Gill, Birkenhead, 140, drew over six rounds.

▶ **BELFAST.**—Jim Brown, Belfast, 125, stopped Joe Orell, Bolton, 126, in the fourth, the referee calling a halt after Orell took severe punishment. . . . Al Sharpe, Belfast, 137, won a dull eight rounder from Reuben Carl, Jamaica, 136. . . . Charlie Cosgrove, Belfast, 147, outpointed Don Cope, Doncaster, 146¾, over eight rounds. . . . Phil Milligan, Derry, 145, stopped Harry Stanford, Belfast, 141¾, in the third. . . . Joe Sharpe, Belfast, 131½, won from Neil McLennan, Belfast, 135½, when the referee disqualified McLennan for alleged kidney punching.

▶ **EAST KIRBY.**—Colin Barber, Sutton-in-Ashfield, 122½, stopped Glyn Evans, Askern, 126, in the sixth of a scheduled ten rounder. . . . Ken Lancaster, Mexborough, 161, knocked out Paddy Delargee, Warwick, 160, in the third. . . . Eddie Sykes, Huddersfield, 144, and Jeff Walters, Scarborough, 137, drew over six. . . . Peter Dawson, Huddersfield, 158, won over Karlii Hasson, West Indies, 150, the latter being disqualified for alleged persistent use of his head.

▶ **CARDIFF.**—Dick Richardson, Newport, 193½, stopped Jean Serres, Luxembourg, 192, in three rounds, when referee Billy Davies intervened. . . . Ron Elvin, Cardiff, 113½, stopped Jimmy Lewis, Blackpool, 115½, in the fifth. . . . Teddy Barrow, Cardiff, 148½, outpointed Eddie Williams, Tredegar, 147¼, over six bruising rounds. . . . Parry Dando, Newbridge, 143, stopped Beau Griffiths, Bridgend, 148, in the third. . . . Teddy Best, Cardiff, 136, knocked out Cyril Evans, Welwyn Garden City, 136, in the first round.

▶ **STREATHAM ICE RINK.**—Sammy McCarthy, Stepney, 128½, won from Jesus Rubio, Spain, 124½. While referee Tommy Little intervened in the seventh of a scheduled ten rounder, claiming that Rubio was outclassed, McCarthy had done little to show the brilliance of which he is capable.

Boswell St. Louis, Trinidad, 137¼, stopped Kurt Ernest, Exeter, 138½, in the fourth of a scheduled eight rounder. . . . George Whelan, Chiswick, 135½, outpointed Johnny Delmore, Leeds, 135½, over six hard rounds. . . . Johnny Smillie, Fauldhouse, 118¾, and Ron Johnson, Bethnal Green, 120, boxed an eight rounds draw. . . . Peter Hill, Leyton, 137½, outpointed Dick Knox, Motherwell, 137½, over six . . . .Tony Chellis, Euston, 140, knocked out Sammy Williams, British Guiana, 138¼, in the fifth. . . . Peter Waterman, Clapham, 147½, kept his unbeaten record clean when he knocked out Raphael da Sylva, Portugal, 148, in the second of a scheduled ten rounder.

▶ **BELLE VUE, MANCHESTER.**—Artie Towne, USA, 159, took it easy in his ten-rounder with Les Allen, Bedworth, 159, and won by the proverbial mile. . . . Alby Tissong, South Africa, 137, outpointed Bola Lawal, Nigeria, 134½, over eight rounds. . . . Billy Ellaway, Liverpool, 162, was flattered to receive the points decision over Martin Hansen, Denmark, 160, after eight rounds, in which it seemed the Dane was ahead. . . . Paddy Graham, Belfast, 136½, stopped Leo Molloy, Belfast, 135½, in the seventh of an eight rounder. . . . Len Lowther, Doncaster, 155¾, outpointed Rocco King, Askern, 159½, over eight. . . . Frankie Sayers, Newcastle, 125, stopped George Clay, Nottingham, 127¼, in the fifth. . . .

▶ **LIVERPOOL STDIUM.** — George Roe, Wolverhampton, 160¾, stopped Vic Harrison, Birkenhead, 161¾, in the seventh, after severely punishing the Birkenhead lad. . . . Pat McCarthy, Birkenhead, 127, lost on points to Jim Shackleton, Australia, 127¼, over eight. . . . Jim Lynas, Coventry, 159¼, outpointed Alan Dean, Birkenhead, 159, over six. . . . Jim Cottrill, Birkenhead, 128, stopped Tommy Waterworth, Wigan, 137, in the second. . . . Eddie Burns, Liverpool, 122, stopped Jack Josephs, Southport, 126, in the first round.

▶ **BELFAST.**—Phil Mellish, Stalybridge 148½, outpointed Sammy Hamilton, Belfast, 151½, over eight hard fought rounds. . . . Garnett Denny, Belfast, 180½, stopped Clark Mellor, Newmills, 171½, the referee intervening after Mellor had been on the canvas for several long counts. . . . Billy Graham, Lisburn, 131, knocked out Sammy Cowan, Belfast, 138, in the seventh. . . . Jim Taggart, Lisburn, 140, won over Johnny 'Red' Doran, Derry, 137, who was disqualified in the fifth for 'persistent Holding'. . . . Benny Vaun, Belfast, 118, outpointed Billy Adams, Belfast, 123½, over six rounds.

▶ **BELFAST.**—Ulster Hall was packed to the doors, to witness their Idol Billy "Spider" Kelly of Derry, 128½ in opposition against Flaviano Ciancarelli of Italy, 128, in a 10 rounder. Although handicapped with a cut eye from the sixth round the Irish lad showed good ring generalship. George Lavery, Belfast, 162, Northern Ireland Champion in the middleweight division, and Charlie Lake, Catford, 161, fought a hard hitting bout over eight rounds to a draw. Jim Brown, Belfast, 128, hit too hard for Ron Neale Bow, 128½, and in the third round with the Londoner in a bad way, the referee intervened. Charlie Cosgrove, Belfast, 147½, boxed well to stop Jack Armstrong, Gold Coast, 147, in six rounds, the latter, far behind on points and suffering from a cut mouth, decided to call it a day at the end of the sixth. Neil McGlennon, Belfast, 137, outpointed Pat Milligan, Derry, 145, in six.

▶ **LIVERPOOL.**—Sandy Manuel, 146½, after eighty-four seconds of the first round, was ruled out for striking Jimmy Croll, Dundee, 149, when the latter was about to take a count for the third time. Tim McLeary, Wrexham, 147, showed some of his old form when he smartly outpointed Charlie Currie, Coatbridge, 148½, in six. Tommy Cavanagh, Birkenhead, 148, gained a narrow points win over Frankie Webb, Wigan, 147, in six. Tony Russell, Leeds, 132, outpointed Ken Scott, Gateshead, 128, in a hard hitting four rounder. Hard hitting and thrills were meted out by Peter Dixon, Wallesey, 144½ and Ron Kilshaw, Blackpool, 148½, in their four round thriller, that ended in a draw.

▶ **WEST HARTLEPOOL.**—Kitione Lave, The "Tongan Torpedo", 207, took four rounds to dispose of Eddie Hearn, Battersea, 206½, Lave had The Londoner down for three counts in the first and once in the second, but took things easy to put the finishing touches to a one sided bout.

Jack London, West Hartlepool, 171, stopped Eric Metcalf, Northwich, 173, in the seventh, when the referee intervened in Londons favour. Don Coshiral, Jersey, 118, defeated Tommy Gillen, Hayes, 118½ in a thrilling six rounder. Sammy Worrell, Northwich, 162, knocked out Ron Batey, Throckley, 161½, in the first. George Henderson, Newcastle, 126¼, knocked out Alan Bell, Washington, 130, in the third.

BRITISH EMPIRE RATINGS

(To October 20, 1955)

HEAVYWEIGHTS	CRUISERWEIGHTS	MIDDLEWEIGHTS	WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Don Cockell (E)	Yolande Pompey (T)	Pat McAteer (E)	George Barnes (A)
2. Earl Walls (C)	Randy Turpin (E)	Les Allen (E)	Hector Constance (T)
3. Jack Gardner (E)	Ron Barton (E)	Johnny Sullivan (E)	Attu Clottey (WA)
4. James J. Parker (C)	Yvon Durelle (C)	Mike Holt (SA)	Vincent O'Kine (WA)
5. Johnny Williams (E)	Ed Polly Smith (BE)	Billy Ellaway (E)	Peter Waterman (E)
6. Henry Cooper (E)	Johnny Halafihi (TO)	Lew Lazar (E)	Benny Nieuwenhizen (SA)
7. Joe Erskine (W)	Bruce Farthing (A)	Terence Murphy (E)	Wally Thom (E)
8. Joe Bygraves (E)	Arthur Howard (E)	Jimmy Elliott (SA)	Peter King (E)
9. Allan Williams (A)	Noel Trigg (W)	Billy McDonnell (A)	George Happe (E)
10. Brian London (E)	Terry Gooding (W)	Lou Lawrence (C)	Boswell St. Louis (T)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERWEIGHTS	BANTAMWEIGHTS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Frank Johnson (E)	Billy Kelly (I)	Willie Toweel (SA)	Dai Dower (W)
2. Ludwig Lightburn (BH)	Sammy McCarthy (E)	Peter Keenan (S)	Jake Tuli (SA)
3. Richie Howard (E)	Hogan Bassey (WA)	Bobby Sinn (A)	Jimmy Quinn (S)
4. Armand Savoie (C)	Elijah Mokone (SA)	Fernand Gagnon (C)	Teddy Rainbow (A)
5. Johnny v.Rensburg (SA)	Charley Hill (S)	Jimmy Cardew (E)	Eddie O'Connor (I)
6. Joe Lucy (E)	Teddy Peckham (E)	David Gogoyta (SA)	Gerry Jooste (SA)
7. Gordon Goodman (E)	Freddie Reardon (E)	George O'Neill (I)	Frank Bennett (A)
8. Alby Tissong (SA)	Sammy Bonnici (Malta)	John Smillie (S)	Vince Blake (A)
9. Jerry Drouin (C)	Charley Tucker (E)	Ron Johnson (E)	Taffy Hancock (A)
10. Leo Molloy (E)	Darcy Carr (A)	Allan Sillett (E)	Marcus Temple (SA)

Legend—(A) Australia; (B) Barbados; (BE) Bermuda; (BG) British Guiana; (C) Canada; (E) England; (F) Fiji Islands; (I) Ireland; (J) Jamaica; (M) Malta; (N) Nigeria; (S) Scotland; (SA) South Africa; (T) Trinidad; (NZ) New Zealand; (W) Wales; (GC) Gold Coast; (WA) West Africa; (TO) Tonga; (BH) British Hon;-duras.

Dai Dower, who was knocked out at the hands of Young Martin of Spain, put him out of the running for a world flyweight title bout. Martin won the European crown and dropped Dower eight times.

▶ The Bravery of The Boxing Fans who sat through Jack Solomon's Heavyweight show at The White City, was such that each and every one is deserving of a special medal of courage. It rained and rained, and there was a cold wind, but they gamely sat it out. Don Cockell, The British and Empire Heavyweight Champion, was given a rousing welcome on entering the ring, but it was announced that he went to the scale at 218, and looked all of that (scaling 11 pounds heavier than when he met Rocky Marciano in San Francisco), the crowd gave a sigh. In contrast, his opponent, Nino Valdes, Cuba, 207, looked the picture of health and fitness.

Cockell started with his usual style of weaving in with a left lead, but when Valdes got to close quarters his short uppercuts to the head and body soon had their effects with Cockell's face showing red patches. A low blow and a caution to Cockell was waved by the Cuban.

In the second round, the taller Valdes showered Cockell with lefts to the head followed by a short right to the jaw. Cockell tried to get to close quarters, but a right uppercut from Valdes, a left hook well timed and then the jolting short punches by Valdes had The Englishman backing away at the bell with The Cuban well on top and Cockell a weary man.

As soon as the third round started Valdes came out leading and plastered Cockell with left and right hooks. The Cuban's punching at this time was harder and faster. A good right hand punch put Cockell down in the Cubans corner for the count of eight. Valdes threw everything into the next few seconds, cutting his opponents eye and forehead. Cockell tried to stem the tide, but it was to no avail, and as the bell came to Cockell's assistance, he was bleeding from the cuts. It was no surprise when his seconds called the referee to their corner and retired for their man. The Marciano contest must have left its mark on Cockell, for he never at any time showed anything like the form when he met Harry Matthews in the same ring.

Don is scheduled to defend his British and Empire titles against his Stable companion Jack Gardner in the New Year, and this may well be his last contest.

▶ Next of importance on the **Beef Trust** Card, was the debut of Ewart Potgieter, the South African Man Mountain, standing 7 feet 2 inches and scaling 318 pounds. He towered over Simon Templar of Jamaica, 236. The bout was one-sided and ended in the sixth round, when the referee called a halt in the South African's favor.

"Pottie" as he is called, could shed about thirty pounds of his weight, and if he could obtain sparring practice and road work, he may develop into a useful heavyweight. In this contest he showed no power of punch, and I venture to advise Potgieter, that if he cannot do better than what he showed this night, he should concentrate on farming. Its O.K. as a novelty.

▶ The best young heavyweight on the card was Henry Cooper of Bellingham, 186½ who scored a spectacular knock out over Uber Bacilieri of Italy, 197, in the seventh. With this victory, Cooper avenged a defeat, his only one, five months ago when he was forced to retire with a badly cut eye.

Here is my prediction:—within two years Henry Cooper will be battling it out with The World Heavyweight Title Contenders.

▶ Joe Erskine, Cardiff, 196, remains unbeaten since he doffed his amateur status. In the Welshman's favor, although his contest was not spectacular, his opponent had nothing to offer in opposition. Antonio Crosia of Italy, 204¼, was the original opponent for "POTTIE" but the Italian Federation forbid the match. Their judgment was wise, for he was all but outclassed by Erskine and the bout became monotonous till the referee stopped it in the eighth round after the Italian had received a cut eye.

If Joe Erskine could develop a punch, then we could all be happy, for in Cooper and Erskine we could have two runners with a chance for titular honors.

Dick Richardson, Newport, 194, and Peter Bates, Shirebrook, 204, threw punches from the start of their contest. Richardson was put down in the first round for two counts but rose full of fight. In the second round Bates too eager to finish the bout, but a straight left from The Welshman caught Bates in the eye and he was put down. Then the tide turned in Richardson's favor as Bates optic began to swell and in the third but it was too much of a handicap, and Bates wisely retired at the end of the round.

Noel Trigg, Newport, 166, defeated Tony Dove, Battersea, 175, in the second round when the latter received a badly cut eye. The crowd stayed on to witness the bout between Fred "Nosher" Powell, Walworth, 195, and Basil Kew, Putney, 189, for they knew they were in for comedy fighting. They were not disappointed and at the end of the eighth round the referee declared Powell the winner.

Jim Cooper, twin brother of Henry, 193, completed a family double when he defeated Trevor Snell, Cardiff, 195, in the final session of their six round bout. The referee stopped the contest due to a badly cut eye.

▶ **BIRMINGHAM.**—Randy Turpin, British and Empire Cruiser-Weight Champion, gave a polished display in outpointing and outpunching the game Bermuda Cruiserweight, Ed. (Polly) Smith, in a 10 round contest. Both scaled inside the stipulated 177 pounds. Turpin did not show the killer punch, but showed that at last he has regained some of his earlier form.

▶ Joy Bygraves, Birkenhead, 207, gained a points decision over Kitione Lave, Tonga, 203, in a hard hitting and thrilling eight round contest. Peter Waterman, Clapham, 146½ punched too hard for the local Bill Wooding, 146, and it was no surprise when the latter was put down for the full count in the second round.

Waterman, without a doubt is the most promising fighter for World's Title aspirations we have had for quite some time.

Johnny Mann, Birmingham, 136½, outpointed Ray Corbett, Birmingham, 139, in eight. Tommy Icke, Birmingham, 126, made a welcome reappearance, scoring a one round K.O. over Jim Cotteral, Birkenhead. Allan Sillett, London, 119½, outpointed Colin Barber, Leicester, 121, in a all action eight rounder. Paddy Delarge, Warwick, 160, outpointed Tommy Kavanagh, Birkenhead, 156, in four. Jack Wittaker, Warwick, 172¾, stopped Johnny Zedd, Poland, 176¾, in the third.

▶ NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB, LONDON.—Gordon Goodman, the rangy Christchurch lightweight, 134¼, won the Southern Area Lightweight title, when he knocked out Freddie King, Wandsworth, in the fifth. Bola Lawal, Nigeria, 132¼, outpointed Pat McCoy, Eire, 133, in a thrilling bout over eight rounds. Money was thrown into the ring for Oliver Paul, Nigeria, 128¼, and Teddy Barker, Swindon, 126½, for their thrilling display in their six rounds bout. Paul was declared the winner to everyone's satisfaction. Eddie Baker, Bournemouth, 143¾, stopped Tony Challis, Euston, 139¼, in the second. Teddy Searle, Hackney, 144½, outpointed Lionel Tropman, Barnet, 143 in six.

▶ GLASGOW.—Peter Keenan, Glasgow, 118, successfully defended his Empire Bantamweight title, when he scored a sensational knock out win over Jake Tuli, 117¾, in the fourteenth round. The contest started with a thrilling first round, the Scot being put down for three counts from the flying fists of the South African. For nine rounds Keenan fought an uphill battle to stave off the Whirlwind from South Africa, who dealt out severe punishment.

Keenan took plenty of chances in the eleventh round, using his right with every ounce of his 118 pounds. This effort of the Scot brought dividends, and for the first time during the contest Tuli was on the retreat.

In the twelfth round Tuli was put down for eight from a right to the jaw in the fourteenth a left hook to the jaw spreadeagled Tuli on the canvas. At six he got to his knees trying to rise, but to no avail. When the out was called, he fell on his back unable to move. It was a most sensational ending to a most thrilling contest.

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▶ Sammy McCarthy, Stepney, 127¼, knocked out Andre Younsi, France, in the third. Charlie Hill, Glasgow, Scottish featherweight champion, defeated Ken Lawrence, Southampton, over eight rounds after a hard bout. Matt Fulton, Coatbridge, stopped Tommy Higgins, Hanley, in the third of a featherweight contest. Frankie Jones, Plean, 111½, outpointed Bobby Robinson, Newcastle, 108¼, in six.

▶ **LIVERPOOL.**—Billy Ellaway, the hard hitting Liverpool Middleweight, 160½, scored another K.O. win, putting George Roe, Wolverhampton, 161, down for the full count in the fourth round. Jim Fisher, Belfast, 133½, was declared the winner at the end of the second round, against Pat McCarthy, Birkenhead, 128, the latter was disqualified for hitting after the bell, Fisher was knocked out clean, and it was some after that he was able to know that he was THE WINNER. Thevor Sykes, Huddersfield, 146, boxed cleverly to outpoint Bobby Gill, Birkenhead, 145, in six. Eddie Sykes, Huddersfield, 152, knocked out Tex Williams, Carlisle, 144, in the third. Ted Williams, Huddersfield, 176, outpointed Johnny Summers, Liverpool,

▶ **GREAT YARMOUTH.**—In a Gruelling bout over eight rounds, Johnny Fish, Harlow, 144¼, and Jack Thornbury, Covent Garden, 148½, repeated their previous contest at the same venue. As before, the referee was unable to part them at the finish, and rendered his decision as DRAW.

Tommy Organ, Bethnal Green, 146¼, knocked out Cliff Lawrence, Rotherham, 146¼, in the second round. Don Coshirel, Harrow, 119¾, boxed cleverly to outpoint Billy Gibson, Fishburn, 121¼, in six. Clive Campling, Norwich, 137, outpointed Maurice Murfitt, Little Downham, 137, in six. Fred Britton, Kings Lynn, 160¾, made an impressive first appearance as a professional by outpointing Ken Mullins, Jamaica, 160½ in six. Danny Whall, Covent Garden, 170½, another first timer, did well to outpoint Ken Burt, Doncaster, 166, in six. Kenny Thomas, Covent Garden, 125½, and Peter Saxton, Charlton, 124½, fought six sizzling rounds to a draw in the professional debut.

▶ **BELFAST.**—Jimmy Carson, Belfast, 119, scored a first round K.O. over Tommy Gillen, Hayes, 119¾. Dick Currie, Coatbridge, 112¼, knocked out Jim Loughrey, Derry, 113½, in the first. Sammy Odell, Nigeria, 133, stopped Pat Price, Newry, 137½, in the fourth. Benny Patterson, Belfast, 129, stopped Joe Sharpe, Belfast, 131¼, in the fifth. Jim Taggart, Lisburn, 138½, knocked out Neil McGlennon, Belfast, 136, in the third.

▶ **WEMBLEY.**—Jimmy Lynas, Coventry, 160½, fought gamely to force a draw against Gerry McNally, Liverpool, 160¼, after six exciting rounds. Arthur Murphy, Camden Town, 134¼, improves with every bout, his hard punching put paid to George Spence, York, 135½, in the second round when the latter was put down for the full count.

Billy Kiernan, Shepherds Bush, 142¾, and Reg Fisher, Leyton, 145½, fought six rounds to draw. Vispi Banaji, India, 153½, reversed a previous points defeat, when he defeated Barry Leonard, Nottingham, 154, who was ruled out for low blows in the second round after repeated warnings.

Tim Giles, Stepney, former Amateur, 153¼, had little difficulty in outpointing Don Williams, Southall, 152, in six. Malcolm McLeod, Coventry, 109¾, outpointed Bill Downer, Stoke Newington, 113½, in six. . . . Ron Bradstreet, Kentish Town, 134½, defeated Terry Horrix, Westbourne Grove, 132½, in the second round, when the referee called a halt as Horrix had received a badly gashed eyebrow.

▶ **SHOREDITCH TOWN HALL.**—Less than a thousand people paid admission to witness

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the Southern Area Middleweight Title bout between Lew Lazar, Aldgate, 158, and Terence Murphy, Canning Town, but more than 2,000,000 people saw the contest on television. This bout goes on record as the first staged in Great Britain for Commercial TV. The return was a natural for a big gate at any arena, but as I have previously predicted, all gates will be affected now that studio boxing has at last arrived in Great Britain.

At the halfway Murphy held the lead, but towards the end of the twelve rounds, Lazar came into his own as Murphy began to tire. The crowd cheered both lads on, and after a hectic last round referee Jack Hart raised the hand of Lazar as winner.

▶ Allan Howard, Holloway, 133½, was forced to retire in the third of a scheduled six rounder with Terry Burke, West Ham, 137½, when he received a gashed eyebrow. . . . Johnny Howard, Holloway, 125, stopped Phil Jenkins, Ysytradgynlais, 128, in the fourth.

Barney Beale, Lambeth, 136½, won from Tommy Ryan, Paddington, 136½, when the latter was disqualified in the fifth for alleged misuse of his head. . . . Allan Cherry, Kentish Town, 145¾, knocked out Terry Bellamy, West Ham, 143½, in the first. . . . Dudley Cox, Bournemouth, 160, and Charlie Lake, Catford, 157¾, drew over six. . . . Bobby Neil, Edinburgh, 126¾, won over Percy James, Southport, 126½, on points over six.

▶ **PLYMOUTH.**—Teddy Peckham, Bournemouth, 125, knocked out Tommy Higgins, Hanley, 125, in the first of a scheduled eight rounder. . . . Kurt Ernest, Exeter, 137, outpointed Brian Clarkson, Liverpool, 136, over eight. . . . Santos Martine, Nigeria, lost narrowly to Bobby Johnson, Plymouth, over eight. . . . Mike Kelly, Plymouth, 166, and Johnny Mudge, Torquay, 160, fought hard for six with the nod going to Mudge. . . . Jack Croot, Torquay, 174, stopped Danny Chapman, Plymouth, 157, in the fifth. . . .

▶ **NEWCASTLE.**—Gordon Goodman, Southern Area Lightweight Champion, 137, outpointed Stan Skinkiss, Manchester, 137, over rounds. . . . Ron Crookes, Sheffield, 178, stopped Tommy Hilton, Rochdale, 173, in the third. . . . Colin Strauch, South Africa, 179¾, outscored Chris Rock, Choppington, 191¾, over six. . . . Jim McGuiness, Glasgow, 144, outpointed Dennis Yearby, Leeds, 146, over six. . . . Johnny Delmore, Leeds, 136½, knocked out Hugh Cullen, Belfast, 149½, in the first.

▶ **LIVERPOOL STADIUM.**—Johnny Sullivan, Preston, 164, won a disputed ten rounds points decision over Jean Ruellet, France, 155¾. The decision was far from popular with the large crowd and the demonstration went on for some considerable time. . . . Tim McLeary, Wrexham, 147, narrowly outpointed Terry Cullen, Durham, 146, over six. . . . Bobby Rjodes, Preston, 156, stopped Billy White, Birmingham, 159, in the first. . . . Don Martin, Formby, 130, knocked out Alf Cottam, Preston, 126, in the fourth. . . . Eddie Burns, Liverpool, 123½, stopped Benny Vaun, Belfast, 119, in the third.

Sullivan will return to America for another campaign.

▶ **BELFAST.**—George Lavery, Northern Ireland Middleweight Champion, 159, won from Ernie Martland, Doncaster, 159, when the latter retired in the fourth because of a cut eyebrow. . . . John McNally, Belfast, 130¾, outpointed Johnny Skelly, Shipley, 134½, over eight. . . . Sam Thompson, Belfast 151½, stopped Eddie Sykes, Hudderfield, 151½, in the fourth. . . . Trevor Martin, Bangor, 127½, knocked out Billy Graham, Lisburn, 128, in the first. . . . Willie Johnston, Belfast, 149¾, drew with Pat Pollock, Belfast, 154½, over six.

▶ **CARMARTHEN.**—Dick Richardson, Newport, 194½, knocked out Emile DeGreef, Belgium, 192½, in the second round. . . . Emrys Jones, Oswestry, 131, won the Welsh Lightweight Championship from Willie Lloyd, Brecon, 135, over twelve exciting rounds. . . . Noel Trigg, Newport, 165, outpointed Neville Rowe, Australia, 173, over eight. . . . Teddy Barrow, Swansea, 147, stopped Boyo Hughes, Pembroke Dock, 142, in the third. . . . Ayre Jackson, Gold Coast, 132, knocked out Ronnie Morgan, Llanboidy, 130, in the second. . . . Teddy Best, Cardiff, 135½, outpointed Benny 'Kid' Chocolate, Gold Coast, 136½, over eight.

NAT FLEISCHER SAYS:

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Within a period of five weeks, Jack's three top attractions—heavyweight Don Cockell, flyweight Dai Dower and now light-heavyweight Turpin—met up with stunning defeats.

This Turpin setback has been particularly jolting to Solomons, who had all but signed Archie Moore to defend his world title against Randy in London. Jack, of course, has had to revise his schedule. He still is eager to bring Moore to England, in a championship bout, and it is likely he will try to talk Archie into accepting Yolande Pompey as a substitute.

A Moore-Turpin match would have been a certain sellout in the big Earl's Court Arena, with an approximate $228,000 gate. What Moore and Pompey will draw is problematical, but with Solomons it is a case of doing the best thing possible under the circumstances, and Pompey now shapes up as his best bet in a championship match with Moore. Although a native of Trinidad, Yolande has been doing most of his fighting in England in recent years, and his recent string of knockouts—he stopped another Canadian, Yvon Durelle—on the Turpin-Wallace card, has made him almost as much of an attraction with the British populace as Turpin had been.

SWEARS RETIRES AS N. Y. COMMISSIONER

The retirement of Leon F. Swears, the Upper New York State representative on the State Boxing Commission, was long overdue. Swears, appointed by Gov. Dewey, had only until the end of the year to serve, but since the selection of Julius Helfand as chairman in the place of Robert K. Christenberry, he has been an inactive member.

He found the journey from Johnstown, N. Y., too long for the trip to the commission meetings, and attended only a few following the change of administrations.

Even during the regime of Christenberry, though he was a regular attendant at the weekly meetings, he seldom took an active interest in the proceedings. When Helfand took over the reins, Commissioners Christenberry and Swears were pushed into the background.

Seldom are the names of any members of the Boxing Board mentioned in the reports of that body's sessions other than that of the Chairman and under the circumstances, the retirement of Commissioner Swears was no surprise since he is wealthy and doesn't need the $57 per meeting pay that is given to each of the members serving with the Chairman whose salary is $13,500. With Christenberry's business ventures growing, he may quit his boxing post at the end of the year though his term of office does not expire until 1957.

FOR ARMED SERVICES

In its policy to extend the services of the Ring to the men in the various branches of the armed forces, The Ring regularly gives the service men up-to-the-minute boxing news by the editor through a special broadcast from Madison Square Garden headquarters through the Armed Forces Overseas Radio and in the recent Marciano-Moore world championship fight Nat Loubet collaborated with Gordon Bridges, Overseas Sports Editor on a blow-by-blow description and the color of the Yankee Stadium contest.

QUERIES ANSWERED BY NAT FLEISCHER

Artie McDonald, Houston, Texas.

Q—I have noticed via television on a number of occasions where the referee has counted ten over a knocked down boxer, then waved his hand at the same time saying, "and out." In other words, he has said, "nine, ten and out." Isn't this incorrect? Shouldn't the ten count be the "out"?

In England every referee counts up to nine and if any portion of the boxer's body still touches the canves, the referee on the very next move counts him out. That is the proper procedure.

▶A—*When a referee says, "nine, ten and out" he is giving the boxer an eleven count. If he counts ten, that ends the fight. There is no need for "and out." He should wave his hands on the "ten" count to signify that the bout is over and a knockout has been scored.*

James W. Ward, Lookout Mountain, Tenn.

Q—Can a championship fight end in a draw? Who was the favorite when Dempsey and Willard fought and what were the odds on the day of the fight?

▶A—*Yes, it can end with the championship changing hands, the championship retained by the defending title holder or in a draw. However, judges and referees are urged by Commissions to try to avoid a draw decision.*

Willard was favored, 5 to 6. Get a Ring Record Book to settle arguments or find the answers to boxing queries. You'll find the book a handy one.

D. E. Herren, Kokomo, Indiana.

Q—How many times was Joe Louis knocked down in his pro career?

▶A—*Louis was dropped once each by Jimmy Braddock, Buddy Baer and Tony Galento; twice by Max Schmeling and three times by Jersey Joe Walcott in their fights. After his retirement, in his comeback, Joe Louis was dropped by Rocky Marciano.*

TEXAS BOXING NEWS
By Harlan Haas

TEXAS BOXING ENTERPRISES, INC., headed by President Rex Braun and Matchmaker Ralph Smith who headquarter in Houston, The South's largest city, are busy lining up future shows. They'll lend a hand to Galveston Promoter Phil Flake who reopened the Isle City and will also put on the big ones in Houston. A real live wire this Rex Braun, and with one of the fight games top matchmakers in Ralph Smith, the TBE should prosper.

▶A flock of new fighters have drifted in. They include Charley Sazera, a hard hitting young Italian welter managed by Fred Mills, Irish Johnny McKoin, roughhouse prelim boy of the Larche Campbell stable, Billy Morgan who has been gettin' it on down Florida way in recent months, are among the latest arrivals.

▶Roxy Kalo's Gym, located at 110½ Travis, Houston, Texas, is quite a fight center. Among the boys working out there are Paul Jorgensen, Stan Jones, Ace Droddy, Tino Longoria, Charles Beasley, Johnny Penn, Jimmy DeLeon, Kid Campeche, Alfonso Flores, Elvin Green, Lester Brown, Guy Guerrette, and Charley Sazera.

▶Sneakin' a peek at the fistic happenin's throughout the Lone Star State for the month of September:

▶Beaumont, Texas, Beaumont Athletic Club, Promoters. Elongated Lamoine "Babe" Vance of Quinland, Texas, jabbed and jabbed at the already rugged countenance of Eddie Brant, the plodding Dayton, Ohio, veteran. However, it was to no avail. Brant, a good body puncher, kept tossin' leather to the gaunt Texan's midsection, and Vance began to wilt in the seventh. He was down twice in the eighth, and a left to the jaw sent him sprawling to the deck for keeps in the ninth. Brant weighed 148, as did Vance.

The co-ten was short lived as J. W. "Kid" Henry, 136, Orange, scored a three round tkayo over James Edwards, 133, Dallas. Henry had his opponent on the deck four times before the ref stopped the proceedings.

Alvin Boudreaux, 144, Beaumont, edged Dan Cira, 147, Orange, in a six. Cira, making his third money fight, had Boudreaux on the deck in the second, but inexperience proved his eventual downfall. In a wild opener, Lorenzo Hainsworth, 136, Orange, outfought a willing Curt Woolwine, 139, Beaumont, and got the four round duke.

▶El Paso, Texas—Jimmy Erwin, Promoter. Ludwig Lightburn, 137½, the very classy scrapper from British Honduras, hammered out a ten round decision over Armando Muniz in Promoter Jimmy Erwin's top attraction on September 12. In other bouts, Lorenzo Alonzo, 147½, decisioned Lloyd Kirkpatrick, 148, in a six; Pete Ruiz, 148, won in four over Jose Quesada, 140; Enrique Cardenas, 139¾, drew in four with Marcelo Vargas, 137; and Oscar Lomas, 118¾, defeated Faustino Zamora, 119, in four.

▶Victoria, Texas—Bill L. Sawyers, Promoter. Bill Sawyers, a former professional fighter, turned on the lights to professional boxing at Victoria, Texas, on September 12, featuring Eddie Brant and Johnny Guebera in a ten round top bout. Brant floored Guebera twice in the sixth and Referee Eddie Lopez stopped the contest, and raised the Dayton, Ohio, veteran's mitt. Guebera gave Brant no trouble.

▶George Steel, 159, San Antonio, hammered out a six round decision over tough Robert Martinez, 159, also of the Alamo City. In prelims, Pat "Bill" Brown, 130, Victoria, swarmed all over Benny Paxton, 130, San Antonio, and decked his man three times, causing the ref to halt the bout after only 1:12 of round one. Joe Polanco, 144, Victoria, stretched experienced Charley Flint, 145, San Antonio, for the count in round two.

▶Port Arthur, Texas—Kaycee Boxing Club—Paul Jorgensen, Richard McClendon's great young featherweight, continues to pack them in wherever he appears in the State of Texas. On September 13, he returned to the scene of his many amateur triumphs—his hometown of Port Arthur—and won a unanimous ten round decision over the heavier J. W. "Kid" Henry. The Kaycee Boxing Club grossed $4,000 for this one. Jorgy scaled 129, Henry 134.

In the six round semi-final, Harold Williams, 190, added another victory to his list by pounding out a decision over James Cartwright, 190. Floyd East, 136, defeated Richard Garnice, 138, in four. Roland Manuel, 135, got the duke over Rudy Gonzales, 126, and Baltazar "Junior" Flores, 126, a recent addition to the punch for pay ranks, slammed out a win over Bobby Henry, 127, in four rounders.

▶El Paso, Texas—Metz Rowe-Santos Quijano, Promoters. Metz Rowe and Santos Quiajano presented their initial show in El Paso, and had as their main event principals Ray Riojas, 135, a great young prospect out of Fort Worth, and Davey Moore, 133, Ohio's topnotch heavy featherweight. Moore took the decision, thus handing Riojas his first loss since entering the pro ranks a year ago. Riojas need not be discouraged, he has all the necessary equipment to become a topnotcher—a fighting heart, an iron jaw, and a pair of dynamite laden fists. He needs a bit more seasoning.

▶In the undercard, Gilberto Holguin, 154, kayoed Loyd Kirkpatrick, 153, in a couple. Irish Pat McCarthy, 117, decisioned Reyes Castanon Rodriquez, 120, in a fast moving action packed six. Reynaldo Terrazas, 135, stopped Enrique Cardenas, 136, in the second. Alfonso Fernandez Navarro, 119, kayoed Victor Delgado, 117, in two rounds.

▶Austin, Texas—Charles C. Davis, Promoter. Charles Davis made his bow as a boxing promoter in the Capitol City, Austin, and featured two of the State's outstanding middleweights in Stanley Jones, 158, and Norris Burse, 160. Jones, the aggressor all the way, was the unanimous winner after ten rounds of action. Without a doubt this Stanley Jones deserves a crack at the Texas middleweight championship, but seems that no one wants any part of him.

In the six round semi, Rocky Caballero, 155, Austin, and Lloyd "The Cat" Nelson, 155, Houston, got right after it and waged a crowd pleasing brawl which ended in a stalemate. Elvin Green, 173, Houston, hammered Pacito Gonzales, 165, New York, out of the ring and won by a knockout in the sixth and final round. Charles Beasley, 140, Houston, went in as a last minute sub and won over the heavier Harold Dixon, 150, Austin, in a four rounder that opened the card.

▶Beaumont, Texas—Beaumont Athletic Club—Beaumont fistic patrons eyeballed one of the finest lightweights seen at the Sportatorium this year as Lawrence "Monk" Armstead, 134, of New Orleans dropped J. W. 'Kid" Henry, 135, four times to win by a technical knockout in the sixth round of the main go. The courageous Orange, Texas, 135 pounder, was decked twice in the fourth and twice more in the sixth when Referee Dick Parker decided to intervene.

▶Roland Manuel, 135, Lake Charles, took a six round decision over James Fields, Farmersville, La., and looked like a fine prospect in doing so. The Alvin Boudreaux-Irish Johnny McKoin lightweight battler was halted in the second, with McKoin bleeding profusely from a cut eye due to a butt, and Boudreaux had his right eye closed and cut as both boys cut loose with everything.

Harold Redman, 155, Beaumont, stopped tall Devaine Garris, 155, Farmersville, La., after two rounds of milling. In the four round opener, Lorenzo Hainsworth, 136, Orange, drew with Curt Woolwine, 134, Beaumont.

▶Monroe, Louisiana—Gus Kallio, Promoter. Clarence Cook, 146, the lanky welter from Bastrop and Oak Grove, La., won his third consecutive fight by winning a ten round decision over the veteran Pete Sanchez (Woods), 145, of Houston. Cook was the unanimous winner, but Sanchez made a crowd pleasing fight against his highly regarded foe. Gate, $2,050.

Rex Thorton, 147, Tallulah, edged Tony Gonzales, 144, Houston, in the six round semi-windup, after a bruising battle. Don Ware, 146, Monroe, was the winner in a close one over Marcelino Lozano, 142, Houston, and Ruhl Brumley, 128, Oak Grove, edged an aggressive Tony Alvarez, 130, Houston, who was making his pro debut, in four rounders. In another four, Devaine Garris, 157, Farmersville, won over Gene Sargent, 155, Bastrop.

▶Conroe, Texas—R. J. Gray, Promoter. Roy Harris, a sensational young heavyweight, racked up another kayo when he stopped big Lajuin Burks in the sixth round of the monthly boxing show in Conroe. Harris is undefeated since joining the pro ranks, and is a former four time State G.G. titleholder. Burks weighed 200, Harris, 180.

Johnny Hopkins, 145, Cut and Shoot, and another ex G.G. champ, stopped a game Marcelino Lozano, 138, Houston, in the third round of an exciting battle. Marvin "Ace" Droddy, 137, Houston, hammered out a six round decision over Lil' Bobby Flores, 137, Houston. Droddy, only 18 years old, can become one of the State's best lightweights if he so desires. Harold James, 145, Houston, Billy DeFoe's classy boy, edged Charles Patterson, 147, Austin, and Robert E. Lee, 144, Houston, dropped an extremely close verdict to Harold Dixon, 150, Austin, in action packed fours.

One of the night's top brawls was the battle between Armando Flores, 145, Houston, and Pat Brown, 131, Victoria, which Flores won after a hard scrap. Brown was married a couple days prior to the fight.

▶In Mel Barker, Lefty Speed has a finely conditioned athlete, a welterweight who never stops boring in, and off his recent ten round victories over Alfonso Flores, Les Brown, Lloyd Nelson, and Al Villafara the kid's certainly ready to step out after some of the "name" boys. Good luck, Mel and Lefty. . . . Shifty Dando, a veteran trainer out of Indianapolis, is at Roxy's Gym lending a helping hand to Roxy. . . . Alex Vargas is one of the finest 140 pounders in Texas. Irish Johnny McKoin, a willing 135 pounder out of Bastrop, La., is now headquartering in Houston. McKoin is a wild-cat in action, and tho green he has the makings of a real club fighter. . . . Victoria, Texas, has a number of action fighters, among them Pat Brown, Lenco Hernandez, Joe Polanco, Lefty Delgado, and Tony Monroe.

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WHEN LADY LUCK SMILES

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enlisted in the Coast Guard. During his service he managed to find time for a couple of bouts, but it wasn't until he was discharged in 1945 that he made his bid for "big" money. After a tuneup tour of the hinterlands, he was stopped twice in sensational battles with middleweight Rocky Graziano in Madison Square Garden, then was knocked out of his welterweight title by Marty Servo, also in the Garden.

By far the most amazing "long-shot" campaign of all time was the one conducted by Jim Braddock, well dubbed the "Cinderella Man." It wasn't a startling one-bout performance by Jim. Rather it was a series of bouts, four of them, that carried him, in one year, from the docks of Hoboken to the world heavyweight championship.

Jim's campaign began in a preliminary on the Primo Carnera-Max Baer title bout at the Garden's big outdoor Bowl in Long Island City. The year was 1934. Braddock was picked as a "victim" for Corn Griffin, a newcomer from the south who had been turning in sensational performances as a Carnera sparmate at the Pompton Lakes training camp.

Once an outstanding light-heavyweight, Braddock apparently had reached the end of his boxing trail a year before when he and Abe Feldman figured in a dreary affair at White Plains that was stopped in the sixth round and called "no contest." Disgusted, Jim announced his retirement from the ring. But the Depression was then on, and the going became rugged for a washed-up fighter with a family to support. Braddock grabbed what odd jobs came along, and occasionally found a day's work on the Hudson River docks.

Joe Gould, who had managed Braddock, happened to drop into Matchmaker Jimmy Johnston's office in the Garden. Johnston hadn't yet picked an opponent for Griffin. "Say, what's Braddock doing now?" he asked Gould.

"The best he can," replied Joe.

"Could he use a payday?"

"He sure could, but doing what?"

"Boxing a preliminary on the Carnera-Bear card. Can't pay much—about two or three hundred bucks."

"That would look like a million to Jim right now" said Gould. "I'll speak to him, and I'm sure it'll be okay."

That's how it began. Dropped in the first round by Griffin, Braddock got up and wrecked the southerner in the second.

A few months later Johnston imported John Henry Lewis, youthful Arizonan who had become something of a sensation on the Pacific Coast. He wanted Lewis to get off to an auspicious start in New York, and he thought of Braddock as an ideal opponent. Two years before John Henry had beaten Braddock rather handily in San Francisco. Now, two years better while Braddock was two years older, he figured to annihilate the veteran. But things didn't turn out as they figured. Braddock won.

THE eliminations to determine an opponent for Max Bear in a championship bout were ending. Steve Hamas and Art Lasky had met in the finale in the Garden. Hamas won, but the fight was so close and Steve's margin of victory so narrow it was decided to rematch the pair and try for a more decisive winner. But Hamas, who had previously beaten Max Schmeling in Philadelphia, preferred going to Germany for another meeting with Herr Maxie. This time Steve was badly beaten and knocked out. That eliminated him as an opponent for Baer. Johnston decided to give Lasky a victory, then announce him as title challenger. Once more Braddock moved into the scene—and once more Jim came through with a stunning surprise. He whipped Lasky. That win put Jim into the match with Baer.

What happened, of course, is now history. If ever a challenger appeared to be hopelessly outclassed, it was Braddock. Officially, the odds against him were quoted as 10 to 1, but the only speculation on the bout was on how long Braddock would last against the murderous-punching Californian. But Jim, boxing cooly, superbly, climaxed his sensational comeback by whipping Baer in handy style.

EUROPEAN GOSSIP

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Cosimo Pezzuto in the third with a left to the jaw and Ray Paini was ruled out in the third heat of his lightweight slam against Paolo Cipriani.

▶Valencia, Spain—Bautista Navarro regained the national cruiser title by trouncing the holder, Domingo Lopez, over twelve rounds. Lopez was the man who had previously dispossessed Navarro.

▶Charleroi, Belgium—Ray Souply, lightie king, was held to a draw here by Louis Van Hoeck over ten rounds.

▶Bologna, Italy—Emilio Marconi proved that he is a worthy title-holder by clearly outscoring Luigi Coluzzi in a fast twelve for the former's welter crown. Alvaro Strina returned to action with a firm victory over the Polish middle, Jakob Ziolowski, who was taken out of the fight in the tenth round after paying several visits to the canvas.

Aristide Dal Piaz defeated French southpaw André Mauguin in a middles eight and Ferrucio Consorti whipped Edmond Roose, French welter, over eight.

▶At Taranto, Umberto Vernaglione, rising welter hope, had little difficulty with José Segura of Spain, who was chilled in three whilst Angelo Brisci whipped Louis Mourros, French welter, over eight.

▶Carrara, Italy—Tiberio Mitri won handily from Constant Alcantara, the Senegalese middle who has provided the Italian with headaches on several occasions in the past.

Mario Vecchiato nodded Mario Rosellini and Enrico Macale laced Renato Ghiacche in two lightie eights whilst Franco Giannini triumphed over Sergio Della Porta in a feathers six.

▶At Pegognaga, Franco Lombardozzi was checked in the fifth round of his flyweight battle with Giuseppe D'Augusta and Scarpati stopped Cecchi in the third of a welter scramble.

▶At Cascina, Nello Barbadoro quickly rid himself of the German chopping-block, Heinz Klein, who was blasted in the third of a feathers contest.

▶Paris—At the Salle Wagram, a program of heavyweights brought in the new season. Usually rare birds in the metropolis, there have been several recent additions to the ranks of the big fellows which may make this division worth watching.

Francis Magnetto was the star of the evening, knocking out Yves Calamari in the opening round whilst Emile Vidal took longer to chop down the rugged Belgian, Maurice Demulder, who lasted just over six rounds.

Frank Mariany, oft-defeated but apparently seldom discouraged, chalked up a win for once, stopping André Ogier in four.

Claude Debenne outboxed strong Marcel Leorier in a cruiser six. Eugène D'Alessio, the handsome Corsican heavy, was not impressive in his bout with Bernard Pacini, stopping the Franco- Italian in the fifth frame of a crude and fumbling bout.

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WHAT THEY'RE DOING NOW

FRANKIE NEIL

Although one of San Francisco's most illustrious ring developments of a colorful era that produced Jim Corbett, Joe Choynski, Dal Hawkins, Eddie Hanlon, Abe Attell, Jimmy Britt, Willie Ritchie and that crowd, Frankie Neil is not one to rest on past laurels. He is now 72, but the former American bantamweight champion shows up regularly for his job in the Richmond, Cal., post office—and in his spare time looks around for a good ring prospect who could use a few lessons from him.

As a fighter, Neil was a rugged little fellow and a lusty puncher. He slugged his way to the American bantam title in the second of a two-bout series with Harry Forbes during the winter of 1902-1903. Neil lost the first bout but came back to win the second. The world championship was in dispute at the time, so Neil ventured across to England in 1904 to settle the issue with the British claimant, Jem Bowker. Neil lost a 20-round decision, but it wasn't popular with either Frankie or his his American constituents. He didn't make too much of an issue of it, however. Shortly after returning home he outgrew the bantam class, moved up with the feathers, and ranked as one of the best until he retired in 1909.

Since then, Neil has known very few idle days. He got himself a job with the U. S. Public Health Service and was there ten years, until the service was discontinued. He shifted to the Standard Oil Company for another ten years. When the Depression let him out, he went to work at the race track, exercising horses in the morning and handling a betting booth in the afternoon. At the outbreak of World War II, Frankie hooked up with a shipyard and put in four years there. Since then he has been an employee of Uncle Sam's Post Office Department.

Still keenly interested in boxing, Neil seldom misses a fight in San Francisco, Oakland or his present home town of Richmond. "The one thing I am looking for particularly is a young heavyweight, who isn't afraid of getting hit, and is willing to listen and learn," he says.

UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES
By Tom Ephrem

"JARRING' GEORGIE", THAT'S WHAT BOBBY DYKES could best remember Georgie Johnson by, after the lanky middleweight contender was swept off his Ring rated seat in a nation-wide televised ten rounder at Miami Beach on September 21. Johnson, born in Sneads, Florida but living in Trenton, N. J., pulled an upset in winning a unanimous decision over the former San Antonio, now Miami boxer just a few moments before Heavyweight Champion Rocky Marciano marched over challenger and light-heavyweight king Archie Moore at the Yankee Stadium.

Adding to the prestige of his victory, Johnson, a good hitter, spilled Dykes for counts in the seventh and tenth rounds. The loser looked good in the closing rounds but Johnson insured the win by coming out solid in the last canto. Georgie tipped 157, and Bobby, 163¼. Promoted by Chris Dundee and the IBC's Jim Norris, the gate was a mere $4,018 from 1,800 customers, apparently hurt by Marciano-Moore.

The semi-eight, between Andy Arel, 134, Messina, N. Y., and Tomaso Castillo, 138, Havana, Cuba, was action-plus and this excellent fight was termed a draw. Bob Cosgrove, 172, Pittsburgh, stopped Carl Ferguson, 165½, Miami, in round one. Promising Rudy Ortega, 128, Havana, Cuba, made it seven straight by taking a four from Mario Colon, 129½, Puerto Rico. Billy Morgan, 135, Hialeah, TKOed Roger Siclaire, 138, Pittsburgh, in four.

Henry (Pappy) Gault, former top ranking bantamweight from Spartanburg, S. C., made a long trip to Holyoke to meet Willie Pep, ex-featherweight champion in a 10 rounder. Pep still possesses the stuff that helped make him a great ring notable and he used that ability to score an easy and unanimous decision over "Pappy". The Southerner tipped 124 and Pep, 129½ in his 205th pro fight. No doubt if he tackles and defeats a couple of top feathers now that he has taken the measure of the ordinary boys, he'll again be found in 'The Ring's Ratings'.

▶The Harold Carter-Wayne Bethea fistic feud is now over, and has been settled, at least in Miami Beach where the pair met in their fourth bout. Carter won a splitter in ten but the two failed to live up to notices. It was all close-in practically all the way, though they made it interesting in the eighth at long range. Carter and Bethea are heavyweights. The Chris Dundee headliner drew 1,758 fans.

Jimmy Persey, 177, Miami, stopped fellow townsman Bo Willis, 190, in the third. Persey gave Willis a bad beating until Commission doctor Alexander Robbins tried to interfere in the second. When Referee Eddie Coachman told the medico something, and allowed Persey to continue with the massacre, Robbins made sure of his intention by examining and halting the bout soon as the bell sounded end of the round. Jimmy Norris, 160, Miami, and Bobby Lane, 163, Kannapolis, N. C., fought a good eight round draw in the semi. Gene Lewis, 161½, Miami, whipped Miamian Oscar Burton, 160, in four. Tino Tindillo, 175, Miami, and Gene Mann, 171, Miami, drew in four.

▶Jimmy Beechman, of Miami Beach, scored a big upset when on September 10th, in Havana, Cuba, defeated Chico Varona, 154, in ten rounds. Beechman tipping 152½, felled the Cuban welter king for an eight count in the third canto.

Joe Rowan won the decision by a split vote, but Ken (Mike) Rowan can take the cake for being one of the most gracious losers we've had the pleasure to report on. In a 10 round scrap at Miami Beach, the young heavyweights waged a good show for 1,797 fans with the winner depending mainly on a left jab to score his points and the loser trying consistently to overtake him with the more solid blows. With this pat-
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four that found them visiting the canvas. Chris Dundee promoted.

▶Recent visitors to our Jacksonville were Billy Peeples, III, secretary of the Miami Boxing Commission, his charming wife, Chris, and Mal Jones, Miami fight manager. Billy and Chris stopped here on way home from North Carolina and saw the Rocky Marciano-Archie Moore heavyweight title fight on the Florida Theater TV screen. Mal had been visiting his Mother and Dad in Jacksonville and like Billy, gave comments on boxing in the Miami area. One thing both agree on, and that's about a coming-up fighter named Jimmy Persey, a light-heavy from the Magic City. Persey, managed by George Roth-Seiden, Jim is an excellent prospect. Just a reminder to keep an eye out on Jimmy Persey.

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BOXING IN THE CAROLINAS
By Chris Cline

THE FIRST PROFESSIONAL BOXING SHOW in fifteen years was staged in Mt. Airy, N. C., on Oct. 1st, under the promotion of Mr. C. P. Massey. A crowd of better than 1,500 fans paid over $3,000 to see an action filled card.

In the main bout, Bill Godfrey, 154, Greenville, S. C., rallied to stop Charley Ferguson, 153, Charlotte, N. C., in the sixth round of a rough brawl.

In the semi-final, Benny Deaton, 159, Durham, N. C., stepped in as a late substitute and battered. big Jerry Bradley, 176, Charlotte, to stop him in the fourth round in the best fight on the night. Jack Manning, 135, Ashville, N. C., decisioned Clyde Black, 138, Spartanburg, S. C., 6; and Elwood Bell, 142, Charlotte, stopped Babe Long, 141, Durham, in 1:25 of the first round.

▶Florence, S. C.: Jimmy Calcutt, 131. Florence, scored three knockdowns in the fourth round to halt Buck Earnhart, 131, Spartanburg, S. C., in 1:57 of the round. Jimmy Peters, 147, Washington, D. C., turned in a surpise in the semi-final as he held highly rated Richard Kelly, 150, Charlotte, to a six round draw. Cliff Eskridge, 109, Cairo, Ill., blasted out game (Snow Ball Beep Bop Killer) Wilson, 118, Spartanburg, in 0:59 of the second. Willie (Kid) Johnson, 151, Lumberton, N. C., stopped Charlie Lake, 152, Washington, at the end of the first due to a deep cut over Lake's right eye, and Joe Thomas, 180, Darlington, S. C., kayoed Johnny Pruitt, 178, Spartanburg, in the first.

Rain that held up the start of the card an hour and a half cut down the size of the crowd, but the 400 odd fans that turned out saw a fine card.

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CLEVELAND NEWS
By Harold Walsh

BIG TIME BOXING RETURNED to Cleveland on October 28, when the Teamsters Union along with Larry Atkins staged a boxing show at the Arena with the National Polio Fund receiving a large share of the profits.

Bob Feller, Cleveland Indian pitcher, state chairman of the National Polio Foundation, will work with the committee which will include Atkins and Babe Triscaro, former Cleveland featherweight. Rocky Castellani was one of the principals in the main bout.

▶Rocky was forced to cancel his recently scheduled bout with Ralph "Tiger" Jones at Arena due to a death in the family.

Chris Christensen subbed for Castellani and lost the unanimous decision in a Friday [illegible]ised bout. Ludwig Lightburn de-[illegible]t round semi-

REPORT FROM THE PHILIPPINES
By Felipe J. C. Galang

THE MANILA POST NO. 464 of the American Legion is sponsoring a boxing benefit in which Flash Elorde will be the top headliner. The writer had been appointed as its Business Representative in the Philippines and Elorde was the first boxer contracted to fight in its initial benefit card. The Legion expects the services of Larry Bataan, Emil Bill Tinde, Tommy Romulo, Willie Tomada and Severo Fuentes in the very near future.

▶Sanong E. T. B., 121¼ and bantam champion of Thailand, knocked out Little Cezar, 123½ in the second round of a scheduled 10 round bout at the Coliseum. But in a return bout, Cezar turned the tables and knocked out the Thailander.

The bouncing bantam king of the Philippines, evened scores by stopping Thailand's champion in a whirlwind attack. Both weighed 121 pounds.

A crowd of 9000 roared when the battered Sanong quit in 2 minutes 18 seconds of Round 2.

The Thai fighter previously had knocked out Cezar in the second round of a Manila bout.

In the 1st round of the first bout, Cezar tried to land his haymaker but Sanong back pedaled with his left cocked for its expulsion. In the middle of an exchange in the center of the ring in the first bout a left uppercut of Sanong's landed in the chest of Cezar which felled him on his right knee.

In the fatal second, Cezar tried to land his right but the Thailander landed with his left, followed with a right and Sanong beat him to the punch with a left to the point of the chin sending the Filipino dead to the world. At the eight count Cezar tried to raise his head but was badly dazed.

▶Usman Saundeng, 135, of Thailand, badly outpointed Ben Escobar, 134, of the Philippines, in another 10 rounder. Usman was too fast and shifty for the slow moving Filipino. Usman downed Escoba in the 7th round for a seven count. At the end of the brawl Escobar was found with puffed cheeks and a bleeding nose.

▶Billy Valdez, 124 won over Smart Francis, 121 in 8 rounds. Spur Cola Kid, 114 kayoed Roy Sison, 112 in the 6th round. Steve Canoy, 119 easily disposed of Freddie Balbuena, 118 in the 2nd round.

▶Fighting Letchieria, 110, stopped Fidel Feliciano, 105, in the 4th round in Agoo, La Union. Mar Esquivel, 115 lost to Lightning Romeo, 115 in 4 rounds. Kid Dacanay, 112 kayoed Dommy Ramos, 110 in the 2nd round. Rocky Llarenas, 100 defeated Little Mitch, 96 in 4. Young Tanny, 85 beat Speedy Tats Jr., 85 in 4 rounder. Little Pregy, 110 outpointed Larry Jr., 110 in the 4 round opener.

▶Terry Blanker, 131 bested Vic Fuentes, 132 in 8 rounds in Olongapo. Roy Davidas, 129 decisioned Joe Mangadap, 128 in 6 rounds. Little Dommy, 124 knocked out Rush Benny, 118 in the 6th. Fil Florendo, 124 halted Speedy Loy, 122 in the 2nd. Young Brazil, 123 disposed of Fighting Banadian, 127 in the 3rd. Kid Nerison, 116 iced Star Lorenzo, 118 in the 3rd round. Baby Espinosa, 115 kayoed Little Bataan, 114 in the 2nd. Young Chavez, 127 and Din Kidd, 126 drew in the curtain raiser.

▶Little Brown, 108 knocked out Rush Bulan, 114 in the 2nd round in Gumaca, Quezon province. Baby Mortell Jr., 130 stopped Dan Alfuerto, 130 in the 2nd round. Jr. Siglos, 120 halted Clever Edong, 116 in the 3rd. Young Rene, 118 knocked out Sea Wall Boy, 114 in the 3rd. Little Espinosa [illegible] boat Young Tiny, [illegible] Fi[illegible] wh[illegible]

▶Al Asuncion, 117¾ badly outpointed Frisco Reyes, 118¼ in 10 rounds. Asuncion was the master in all angles, and only the toughness of Reyes saved him from an early knockout.

Cunning Andy, 113 and Golden Boy, 113 were tossed out of the ring by referee Exequiel Segovia in the 2nd round. He called it no contest.

Vic Tunacao, 147 stopped Ray Rico, 148 in the 5th round of a scheduled 8 round main event at Fort McKinley. From the very start Rico was scared like a rabbit and retreated all the time with Tunacao in hot pursuit.

In the fatal 5th Tunacao landed a stinging right to the head which sent Rico to the canvas.

Army Wonder Boy, 122, stopped Ric Sanchez, 120, in the 6th round. James Hardman Jr., 115, proved too fast and shifty for slow moving Baby Ross, 114, in 8 rounds.

Joe Salva, 126, won over Rosales Jr., 126, in 6. Kid Ocampo, 114, was too smart for the heavy slugging Roy Compio, 116, in 6 rounds.

Tommy Gomez, 117, drew with Young Fuentes, 116, in 6. Rica Jr., 115, beat Ernie Paredes, 115, in 4. Flash Olano, 124 kayoed Rocky Lardy, 126, in the very 1st round of the curtain raiser.

▶Johnny Labay, 116 decisioned Little Garcia, 112, in 8 rounds in Tayabas. Leo Silvestre, 116, bested Star Balmes, 118, in 6. Rudy Torres, 114 whipped Flory Silva, 112, in 6 rounder. Fighting Cito, 111, kayoed Smal Tecio, 110, in the 2nd round. Fighting Caballero, 114, halted Jessie Roxas, 112, in the first round. Viva Ruben, 116, stopped Ranger Boy, 116, in the 4th. Kid Fuentes, 112, outscored Pete Abella, 110, in 4.

▶Angeles Alberto, 116, who is now on his comeback trail beat Lorry Amate, 111, in 6 rounds in Mendez, Cavite. Dado Corpus, 108, decisioned Flash Boy Indang, 104, in 6.

Ric Ricuerdo, 112, and Young Santos, 116, drew in 4. Leony Tiburcio, 111, won over Kid Mendez, 112, in 4. Lory Antonio, 136, kayoed Ric Villano, 138, in the 2nd round.

▶Waling Waling Boy, 118, outpointed Ric Sanchez, 118, in 8 rounds in Calamba. Baby Mortel Jr., 131, stopped Johnny Sarmiento, 127, in the 3rd round.

Baby Nenet, 112, outboxed Little Baya, 115, in 6. San Juan Boy, 125, outscored Young Freddie, 126, in 6 rounder.

Lefty Albay, 112, bested Mamatid Boy, 116, in 4. Rocky Nardo, 138, knocked out Rush Balding, 140 in the 2nd round. Kid Palingon, 132, stopped Pansol Boy, 128, in the 2nd. Smart Banadero, 118, kayoed Young Mamatid, 115, in the 2nd round of a scheduled 4 rounder.

▶Terry Blanker, 130, knocked out Vic Fuentes, 128, in the 4th round in Tayabas. Sev Grafia, 128, holted Star Castillo, 130, in the second round. Danny Guevarra, 112, halted Clever Edong, 116, in the 5th.

Cotta Boy, 105, won over Little Sabo, 107, in 4. Brioso Jr., 112, drew with Viva Ruben, 115, in 4. Young Palomares, 105, bested Herrera Boy, 110, in 4 rounds.

▶Joe Balbuena, 132, won over King Von Nelson, 136, in 6 rounds in Taytay, Rizal. Iisidro Boy, 126, and Young Cading, 126, drew in 6 rounder.

Fighting Quirino, 128, and Montalban Kid, 124, drew in 4. Wawa Kid, 110, fought in even terms with Ric Ricuerdo, 112, in 4.

Fighting Cabo Araw, 120, bested Little Barney, 120, in 4. Reyes Jr., 110, stopped Joe Bakong, 110, in the 3rd. Bicol Express, 110 whipped Jockey Ignacio, 110, in 4 round curtain raiser.

▶Vic Fuentes, 131, stopped Baby Dundee, 126, in the 2nd round of a scheduled 10 round main event in Fort McKinley.

Oscar Guban, 125, and Johnny Nabor, 120, drew in 8 rounds. Lourdinez Jr., 111, won over Raytranco Kid, 105, in 6 rounds.

Little Dundee, 113, bested Max Pasalosdos, 116, in 6 rounds. James Hardman Jr., 114, won over Roy Compio, 117, in 6. Cris [illegible]anda, 116, lost to Rica Jr., 116, in 4 [illegible] Paredes, 116, kayoed Baby [illegible]ound. Anong Junior, [illegible]02 in 4.

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[illegible]lorde from [illegible]ot let up. [illegible]nnected with [illegible]. Always the heavier puncher of the two, he had his man back-pedalling all throughout the fight.

Only in the last two rounds did Elorde show a flicker of offensive, seemingly sensing that he was behind on points. It was, however, a sporadic finish, as Kaneko more than met the challenge. In the middle of the ninth round Kaneko instead corked his punches and let go, stopping Elorde in his tracks. Though Elorde skillfully evaded the blows, he was badly shaken up by the impacts, ending once and for all his aim to flatten Kaneko.

Elorde, however, did manage to draw blood from the winner, opening up a small cut over Kaneko's left eyebrow in the fifth round. From there onward Elorde, a southpaw, concentrated jabbing on the wound, but could not stem the boring-in attack of his opponent.

Television and bad weather kept several thousands away from the fight, which nevertheless drew close to 6,000.

The winner weighed 127 pounds, Elorde 132. The six-pound weight difference nearly caused a postponement of the fight. Kaneko's handlers had set the weight limit at a few pounds over the featherweight bracket, while Elorde's camp figured it a few pounds under the lightweight limit. But rather than forego the scheduled fight, Kaneko's manager discarded the six-pound disadvantage.

BOXING NEWS FROM HAWAII
By Ted Yamachika

STAR GONY, WELTERWEIGHT titleist of the Orient, won his second Honolulu fight when he outpointed Leonard Gaines of Oakland, Calif. in a ten round fight held at the Civic Auditorium. The light punching Flipino lefty did'nt have everything his way but he easily outboxed his younger opponent. The decision favoring Gony was unanimous.

The fight was a Boxing Enterprises, Ltd. promotion and drew a crowd of 1,826 fans. Gross gate was $3,229.00.

Gony kept landing his fast lefts almost at will and had Gaines' right eye badly swollen and nearly closed at the end of the fight. But his lack of power was something bordering on the pitiful, admittted even by his most ardent backers.

Gony outweighed Gaines, 139½ to 136½.

The outstanding fight of the evening was the six round semifinal in which Abel Donnell, 133, knocked out Ray Carvalho, 133¾, in the fourth round with a hard left to the midsection. A real slugfest, the fight was pretty even up to this point.

Other results: Johnny Kaheaku, 150, finished Martin Cambra, 150, in the second of four.

Pasia Paialii, 144, won over Eddie Mara, 142½, in a four round fight.

THE BAER FACTS

MAX BAER, former world heavyweight champion, has been known for his humor almost as much as for his fighting qualities. As a master of ceremonies in night clubs, on his radio and television programs and in his appearances on the stage, his audiences found him most amusing. During his training camp periods, he usually was the life of camp. He was truly a playboy.

When he fought Joe Louis and was getting the worst of it, it required considerable persuasion on the part of Jack Dempsey who was in his corner, to keep Livermore Max in line. When he returned to his stool at the end of the third round after taking a shellacking from the Brown Bomber, Dempsey shook his head in disgust at the manner in which Baer was fighting and remarked:

"You're better than he is. Prove it to him."

Ancel Hoffman, manager of Max, throughout the minute's rest period wiped the blood from Baer's face and just before the ten second whistle blew, he said: *"Go out and toss punches. Sock him on the jaw. He can't take it there. You're doing fine. He isn't touching you."*

Looking Ancel in the eyes, Baer peevishly replied:

"Well pop, if he isn't hitting me, you better keep an eye on that referee because somebody is in the ring knocking hell out of me."

Baer was knocked out in the next round.

NEWS FROM SUNNY AUSTRALIA

By Ray Mitchell

EMPIRE AND AUSTRALIAN WELTERWEIGHT CHAMPION, GEORGE BARNES, outpointed his outstanding Australian contender, DARBY BROWN, at Sydney Stadium on September 19, in the best fight of the year. George won clearly—33 points to 27 on my card—but he did not have an easy passage.

Both are renowned as hard punchers. Both can box. Hence the fight was one of hard punching and good boxing, with the accent on aggression.

Barnes is the only Australian welter champion in history who has never been stopped in his career.

Australians think that Barnes should be in world ratings despite his close loss to Fuentes and draw with unrated Scortichini. If Fuentes is number three (which he was when he fought Barnes earlier this year) then Barnes should be immediately below him. Fuentes beat Barnes by a small margin on points and if Barnes had not been short of a gallop he would have stood at least an equal chance of winning. In a return bout I would favour Barnes to win.

▶Australian flyweight champion, FRANKIE BENNETT, gave his most impressive display at Brisbane Stadium on September 16 when he knocked out hitherto unbeaten Queensland bantam, BARRY MOLLOY in two rounds. Frankie, who weighed in at 118, dominated the fight from the opening bell and had Molloy in such a bad way in the second stanza that the referee halted the contest.

Mention of bantams brings me to the latest news on the bantam roost: Jimmy Carruthers became a father on September 18. His wife, Myra, presented him with a baby boy.

And, in Australia, our weights are rated in pounds, stones etc. 14 pounds make one stone. I'm making the following point: a bantamweight is 118 pounds, or 8 stone six pounds (limit). This is written as 8.6. Although Jimmy's son's weight is not enough to make into stones, his weight is 8.5, which (I'm making a pun) could be construed as a bantamweight.

▶If anyone doubted the rating of young (18-year-old) middleweight, DON McDONNELL, as the number one contender for the Australian middleweight title, those doubts were dispelled at Sydney Stadium on September 5, when Don efficiently outclassed ALFIE SANDS, to win by a big margin on points over the 12 round route. I had nine points in Don's favor. This boy took Sands' blockbusters without flinching and he completely outboxed Alfie, who, in my book, won only one round and shared a couple. Don could go anywhere, as in his last three fights of his eight-fight pro career, he has beaten three of the top contenders.

A week after McDonnell's eclipse of Sands, RICALDO MARCOS, number two middleweight contender for the Australian title, easily outpointed current middleweight hitting sensation, HARRY GROGAN. The step up in class was too much for Harry, but he cannot be dismissed. He is young and is learning fast.

On August 29 at Sydney Stadium, Italian importation, SERGIO MILAN, outpointed Scottish lightweight champion, DON McTAGGART in a brawl. McTaggart is remarkably tough and took a lot of punishment, yet Milan, who won by a large points margin, came out of the scrap with the more visible signs of wear and tear, his eye cut and face swollen.

▶Eleven days after losing to Milan, McTaggart went to Brisbane and lost on points to GEORGE BRACKEN in a quiet contest.

PETER ELLSTON is coming along fast in the bantam division. Last start was against BINDI JACK at Collingwood, Victoria. Ellston won easily on points. In fairness to Jack, he gave away six pounds to Peter.

▶Tasmanian Stadiums is a recent edition to the fight game in Australia. Max Kane, promoter, means to give Tasmania what it has lacked for years—regular boxing. He has appointed me his Sydney agent and I sent him welter KEVIN BELL to fight local AL McEWAN, on August 29. Bell won on points in a very good fight. Most scientific contest seen in Tassie for some years, according to reports.

▶On August 22, at Sydney Stadium, light-heavy, BARRY CHALKER, reversed a decision he lost a few months ago to CARL MARCHIN. On the same bill, in another 12-rounder, lightweight riser, CHARLIE SMITH, knocked out JACKIE WILLIAMS in the first round.

▶A good fight resulted at Collingwood on August 26 when featherweights, YOUNG REGAN and GORDON BELL tangled. Regan, the more experienced, won a very close decision.

Cessnock, N.S.W. mining town, opened for a show on September 9, with local light-heavy, BARRY CHALKER, opposed to SANDY ASSOGNA. Chalker won on points.

▶Double bill of 12-rounders at Brisbane Stadium on September 2. In the first, lightweight DES ASH won on points over former Texan, JOHNNY AZZARD, while in the feature twelve, middleweight CLIVE STEWART won by K.O. over GLEN CARSBURG in 11 rounds. This was a hard, rugged fight, but Stewart laster better and the referee halted the affair in the second-last round.

▶As it is several months since I sent my Australian ratings, I think it is about time I informed readers how our Aussies stack up against each other. In the heavyweight division, champion Allen Williams has two contenders, with no other heavies worth ranking. The light-heavy title is vacant, and has been since the death of Dave Sands in 1952, but Bruce Farthing is undobutedly worthy of wearing the crown. There are no other light-heavies who could be called contenders, although four can be rated.

The middleweight division has been so full of upsets and reversals in recent months that any rating could be upset at any stage. The title, which has been in dispute for a long time, is generally regarded as belonging to Pran Mikus. Pran has lost to Marcos in a non-title affair and Marcos has lost to McDonnell.

Notwithstanding Brown's defeat by Barnes, he cannot be discarded as logical contender for George's welter crown.

Lightweight title is vacant, but Clarke looks to be the next champion. Russell Sands holds the featherweight crown, but is being pressed by a few other boys. Among them is Lennie Burns, who has never yet fought a main contest, yet I rate him number three contender.

Frankie Bennett must now be considered a contender for the bantam title, but the flyweights, last year the most even division, are lacking now in active boxers, only a few having recent contests.

BOXING IN PANAMA

By Juan W. Copeland

ARENA, COLON—Juana Vda Sanchez Pinto, Promoter, Panama featherweight titleholder Pedro Tesis, 135, pounded out an easy triumph over Horacio Otis, 134½, in the featured ten rounder. Toto Ibarra, 119, made an impressive pro debut by halting Claudio Martinez, 115, in fifty seconds of the sixth round.

Al Rodriquez, 135, won over Daniel Ward, 135, in a fast four rounder. Basalio Williams fought his way to victory over Gregorio Martinez in a four rounder. The show drew a good crowd and the gate was $1,600.

▶Panama City—A new group of sportsmen headed by Sidney Arias is staging "New Faces" shows featuring promising youngsters. In the first show, Manuel Prescott, 124, gained revenge by outpointing Leslie Thompson, 124½ in eight rounds. Leslie had stopped Manuel in their first meeting.

Goyo Castanada, 119, scored a three round kayo over Kid Define II, 119, in the semi-final. Jesus Santamaria defeated Juan Lesama four rounds. Sonny McKay, 115, kayoed Dick Butgerely, 121½, 1:10 of the fourth round.

In the second show, Byron Cumberbatch, 124, scored a kayo over Roberto Murillo, 123, in 2:15 of the seventh round. In the semi-final, Vicente Worrell, 128, and Lupe Pancho went to a draw, 6.

Arias Mendez, 122½, whipped Melenio Pacheco, 119, in four and Sonny McKay, 113¼, scored his second straight kayo by halting Edgar Miller, 110½ in 2:36 of the fourth.

NEWS FROM LOUISVILLE

By Joe Martin

THE WAVE TV tournament ended on September 16, with eight boys crowned as champions. They were, Elmer Dennison, Flyweight; Gilbert Moore, Battonweight; Irvin Reddin, Featherweight; Willie Moran, Lightweight; Ruddel Stitch, Welterweight; Lawrence Howard, Middleweight; Don Hill, Light-Heavy Weight; and James W. O'Keefe, Heavyweight.

The reward for those boys was an expense paid trip to New York to see the World Heavyweight title fight. Traveling with the boys, was Andy Rose of the City Division of Recreation; Ed Kallay, Sports Director of Station WAVE, and yours truly.

The sponsors were the Riggs Motor Company, Bob Brady Appliance Company, Colgate Palmolive Company, and Eastern Airlines. Our regular Amateur Television Show has been changed from Friday nights to Saturday nights. Any Amateur in this vicinity who would like to appear can do so by writing to me, 215 North Thirty Fifth Street, Louisville 12, Kentucky.

SOUTHERN OHIO JABS

By J. Jimmie Amann

ISAAC VAUGHN, CINCINNATI WELTER, fared poorly in his New Orleans debut, losing on a knockout in the first round.

▶Davey Moore, Springfield, O., lightweight, kept on his winning ways, winning a 10 round bruising battle over Ray Riojas at El Paso.

▶Harry Hartman, Cincinnati promoter, matchmaker and sportcaster on radio, died on September 9 at Cincinnati at the age of 54 years. Harry was the first boxing sports announcer in this area, probably in the entire middle west. In his later years, Hartman promoted boxing in Cincinnati and was instrumental in bringing Jimmy Carter for a local appearance, at the time Carter was rising to title heights.

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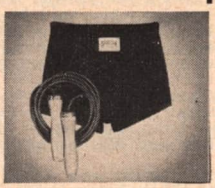

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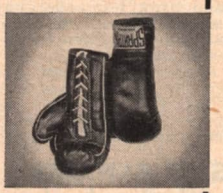

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MICHIGAN FISTIC FACTS
By Jack Waina

RANKING LIGHTWEIGHTS FRANKIE RYFF, 138, New York, and Joey Lopez, 134½, Sacramento, battled in a nationally televised feature from the Olympia Stadium. Ryff won the duke handily enough, but his holding tactics, especially during the later rounds, proved unpopular. Ryff was cut inside the left eye lid in the second round.

The many living room fans however, missed as fine a welterweight slug-fest that has been seen here in many years at the Stadium, when Clarence "Duke" Harris, 146¼, Hamtramack, and Frank Smith, 145¼, Chicago, gave the 1,536 fans who paid a gross of $1,992.20 a real treat. Harris, fighting furiously because of a cut above the left eye sustained in the second, finally stopped the durable Smith at 2:54 of the seventh. The bout was one of Harris' finest and the crowd was on it's feet at the end of each round cheering wildy in appreciation. A tremendous left hook finally dropped the game Smith in the seventh, and referee Johnny Weber halted the contest.

Promising Ted Wright, 148, Detroit, halted Vic Brown, 144½, Detroit, for his fifth straight victory, in the fifth; Frank Sak, 148½, Detroit, scored a good win in nodding Floyd Brooks, 154, Detroit, in a four; and John Roacha, 149, Deroit, bested Lee Culpepper, 142, Detroit, in another four.

▶ Billy Hunter, 177, Detroit, earned another shot at John Riggins, when he bested Calvin Butler, 179, Cleveland, over the six round distance at the MCA. Hunter worked well inside and had Butler holding on in the later rounds. Riggins is the only fighter to beat Hunter this year, turning the trick twice!

In the co-feature, Joe Gray, 160, Dearborn, won his eighth in a row by decisioning often-beaten Jerry Fowler, 155, Chicago, in six. Fowler made the going rough with his more inexperienced foe. Virgil Williams, 146, Toledo, stopped John Rocha, 150, Detroit, in five, and Chuck Craig, 164, Toledo, bested Henry Bronko, 168, Detroit, in another five

▶ Taking a great liking to his second home, the MCA, Yama Bahama, 153, Bimini, Fla., continued his victorious ways by TKO'ing Hector Peralta, 149, Mexico, in the second round, after having had his opponent on the canvas twice in the opening round. The win was Bahama's tenth in twelve local starts and was witnessed by approximately 700 fans.

Joe Garza and George Moore scored their fourth straight victories on the undercard. Garza, 152, Detroit, had a soft touch in halting Herb McKinney, 147, Saginaw, who was making his first start in three years, and Moore, 216¾, had far too many physical advantages for Bob Johnson, 183, Dayton, and scored a two round TKO victory.

Other bouts had: Eli Leggett, 137, Detroit, back in action with a good win over Buddy Harris, 134½, Pontiac, snapping the latter's undefeated ways at six: Wes Clarey, 138, Detroit, halted Grady Johnson, 142, Pontiac, in two; and Eugene Duncan, 173, Detroit, beat Benny Johnson, 174, Detroit, in a four.

▶ Al Andrews, middleweight from Superior, Wisconsin, who hit the limelight as result of victories here, has found it rough going of late! Andrews was lucky earlier in the year to get the nod over "Duke" Harris at Saginaw, and then was upset by Gene Linscott at Pontiac to knock him out of a non-title match with champion Bobo Olson.

Using a match with Jackie King, of Massillion, Ohio, at the MCA as a tune up for a bout with Gene Fullmer, in Ogden, Utah, Andrews was lucky to escape with a ten round split decision victory. Even in winningAl came out of the contest a gorey mess, bleeding from cuts over both eyes. Only an all out rally in the last couple of rounds caught the eyes of the two judges, although the 842 fans voiced their disapproval.

Referee Morrie Sherman favored King 95 points to 94, while judges Joe Lenahan and Malcolm House tabbed Andrews in front 92-91 and 96-91 respectively.

Frank McGrary, 172, Chicago, bested Henry Bronko, 160, Detroit, in five; Harold Moore, 169, Detroit, TKO'D Jerry Nelson, 167½, Grand Rapids, in two; and Dave Mundy, 190, Detroit, upset Eddie Lee Walker, 192, Detroit, in five.

▶ One of the strangest and saddest cases is that of the boxing career of Lester Felton! The 26 year old Detroiter holds victories over champion Carmen Basilio and ex-title holder Kid Gavilan, and earlier in his career was compared justly with Ray Robinson. But in recent years something happened. Managerial trouble combined with a great deal of indecision on the fighter's part led to considerable criticism of Felton, some of which was unjust. Finally Felton found it more and more difficult to find bouts.

Out of action for nearly one year, Lester got himself a new manager, Bill Gutz, his fifth, and signed for a six round bout at the MCA. Expected to be merely a tune-up Felton, 146¾, blew the decision to Rudy Gwinn, 146¼, Cleveland. Not onld did Lester lose, but in the process he showed little desire to fight and was dropped to the canvas in the first and third for eight counts and practically wrote the finis to one of the strangest and saddest case's in boxing today!

The co-feature on the MCA card, found Abe Cruz, 158½, Chicago, breaking a three bout losing streak here when he upset Joe Garza, 152½, Detroit, in a six. Both boys stood toe to toe all the way but Cruz paved the way with an excellent body attack although he was dropped in the third.

In the fives' Major Woodson, 149¾, Detroit, bested Willie Johnson, 147½, Detroit, and Dunn Dixson, 136, Detroit, defeated Napoleon Ludy, 135, Detroit.

▶ BEHIND THE HEADLINES. . . . The 19 week contract between the Motor City Boxing Club and its brewery sponsor to televise shows weekly has expired without any renewance. Rumors have it the club might get a new day (Sat.) if it can come up with a sponsor. If unable to do so the group then might go into the Arcadia Roller Rink for a stab at non-televised bouts until able to come up with a backer.

Popular Detroit heavyweight Johnny Summerlin, hot on an eight bout winning streak, is looking forward to a busy fall and winter season.

Veteran ringsters are pleased to see Willie Dominguez active in the game once again. The little senor is currently bringing along a good prospect in ex-navy champion Frank Sak, a welter.

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BOXING NEWS FROM HAWAII
By Ted Yamachika

AN UNUSUALLY confident Dalfus Brown, 156, battered his way to a knockout win over Billy Corbett, 156¼, in 2.48 of the seventh round at the Civic Auditorium on September 20. Corbett is a former West Coast middleweight with a good record now making his home in Honolulu.

The finisher was a left to the head.

The first four rounds were about even with Brown winning the second and Corbett the fourth. However, the complexion of the fight changed suddenly in the fifth when Brown, having taken Corbett's best blows, decided he couldn't get hurt and started wading in. Corbett suffered a cut over his left eye in this round.

In the sixth Brown lowered the boom and the fight became a one-sided rout which ended in the knockout in the next round.

Promoted by Rex Ravelle, the fight drew a small crowd and grossed only $1,065.00.

Ray Carvalho, 133¾, scored a knockdown in the fourth round and went on to beat Steve Takano, 133, in the six round semi-final. Dan Santiago, 138, decisioned Eddie Mara, 141¾, 5 rds. Mike Ines, 133, beat Josiah Lii, 136½, 4 rds. Dala Canales, 133½, TKO'd Patrick Lee, 128½, in the first of four.

▶ Welterweight Star Gony, aging but still capable Fancy Dan from the Philippines, punched his way to a clear, unanimous decision over clubfighter Abel Donnell of Honolulu in the featured ten round bout of an attractive fight card held at the Civic Auditorium, on Sept. 13, 1955. The champion of the Orient, at least Gony came here with that claim, had everything except punching power in his favor — longer reach, weight, speed and cleverness, and went ahead to make good use of them. His ability to elude punches was uncanny and his hand speed was something to marvel at.

Gony outweighed Donnell, 139½ to 136¾.

A good crowd of 3,093 fans paid $5,545.50 gross to watch the Filipino southpaw in his Honolulu debut. The card was put up by the Boxing Enterprises, Ltd.

In the five round semi-final, Fesuluai Peapealalo, 155¾, eked out a close, split decision over Martin Cambra, 154, in a dull, head-on-shoulder fight. Cambra's style of fighting wasn't exactly to Peapealalo's liking and though he did manage to out-hit Cambra ever so slightly, he didn't improve his reputation (acquired in Samoa) of being a hay-making puncher the least bit.

Mike Ines, 134¼, beat Josiah Lii, 135½, 4 rds. George Nii, 112¼, decisioned Manini Guarisma, 116½, in a four round fight. Mitchell Lani, 148, outpointed Pasia Paialii, 146, 4 rds. Daniel Melendez, 123¾, TKO'ed Dala Canales, 132, in the second of four.

RATINGS

(*Ratings continued from page 15*)

Bob Barksdale whipped Ben Koolian, 6. Hank Davis outscored Benny Flake, 10. Al Hersh drew with Jimmy Garcia, 8.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Joe Miceli upset Ramon Fuentes, 10. Clarence Cook outpointed Pete Sanchez, 10. Garnett (Sugar) Hart defeated Tiger Rankin, 7.

George Barnes outpointed Darby Brown, 12. Johnny Eubanks won over Al Johnson, 8.

Chris Christensen lost to middleweight Ralph (Tiger) Jones, 10. Gerry Drouin whipped Tony Percy, 10.

Marshall Clayton kayoed Somdez Yontrakit, 3. Miguel Diaz stopped Joe Castaneda, 8. Joe also lost to Fipro Gutierrez, 10.

Ramon Tiscerano defeated Carlos Chavez, 10. Rudy Gwinn decisioned Lester Felton, 6. Cirilo Gil stopped Ernest Zetzman, 8.

Larry Crawley lost to middleweight Roy Alston, 8. Chucho Ruiz kayoed Luciano Gonzalez, 6. Frank Skidmore kayoed James Howard, 1.

Yama Bahama stopped Gene Parker, 2. Mel Barker defeated Al Villafara, 10. Jesse DeHoyos kayoed Pedro Pina, 9.

Ernie Williams defeated Bobby Shell, 6, and kayoed Jimmy Evans, 1. Mel Collins defeated Clifton Lester, 6. Jim Perrault kayoed Jentrice O'Neal, 6, and bested Dick Brewer, 6 Kid Juarez defeated Manuel Munoz, 10.

Jimmy Peters drew with Richard Kelly, 6. Ralph Alvarez whipped Dick Brewer, 6. Jimmy Moulton defeated Tony DeCola, 6. Jake Josato defeated Bobby Douglass, 8.

Major Woodson beat Willie Johnson, 6. Rolando Rodriquez, kayoed Carlos Chivas, 1. Virgil Williams stopped John Rocha, 5, but was kayoed by Ted Wright, 4.

Toby Alvardo drew with Charley Courtney, 6. Rocky Sullivan bested Frankie Laine, 6. Joey Durando kayoed Herman Beasley, 1, and John Manning, 3.

Cirilo Aguirre stopped Memo Napoles, 5. Norm Gautreau kayoed Don Vincent, 3, but lost to Steve Ward, 6. Earl Clemmons whipped Carl Caporale, 6.

Dave Grant beat Stan Ketchell, 6. Ron Milne beat Yo Yo Lewis, 6.

After eight straight knockout victories, Peter Waterman was held to a decision by Sandy Manuel, 8. Enrico Macale held to draw by Gaetano DeLucia, 8.

Jimmy Piper whipped Johnny Parker, 6. Emilio Orozco drew with Carmelo Beraza, 8. Johnny Kaheaku kayoed Martin Cambra, 2.

Pierre Wouters decisioned Bruno Marostegan, 10. Billy Clark kayoed Jesse Tony, 2. Tombstone Smith kayoed Dave Cervantes, 7.

Joe D'avy kayoed Carl Brunson, 3. Ray Martinez halted Mike Raymond, 5. Ralph Peterson defeated Wes Lowery, 6.

Johnny Busso defeated Johnny Lissy, 6.

Jed Black defeated Bobby Elliott, 10. Dick Goldstein kayoed Dave Martinez, 4. Chuck Davey defeated Alan Kennedy, 10. Jimmy Savala defeated Lou Castillo, 6.

Jimmy Beecham kayoed Baby Linares, 7. Johnny DiGilio bested Bernie Lynn, 8. Jimmy DeCerio bested Jay Anderson, 8.

Gasper Ortega beat Juan Tjeda, 10. Eddie Asti kayoed Eddie Ramos, 2.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Ralph Dupas outsped Mickey Northrup, 10. European Champion Duilio Loi stopped Boswell St. Louis, 4.

Ludwig Lightburn defeated L. C. Morgan, 8. Richie (Kid) Howard defeated Basil Marie, 10.

Paddy DeMarco outrushed Kenny Lane, 10. Eddie Chavez outpointed Glen Flanagan, 10.

Ezequiel Uribe defeated Papelero Sanchez, 10. Solly Cantor defeated Frankie Johnson, 10.

Larry Armstead stopped Isaac Vaughn, 2, and J. W. Henry, 6. Tomas Castillo edged out Fernando Silva, 10.

Seraphin Ferrer kayoed Johnny Butterworth, 8, and Ray Souply, 5. Jackie Graves defeated Fitzie Fitzpatrick, 8.

Star Gony defeated Leonard Gaines, 10. Tomas Castillo drew with Andy Arel, 8. Andy stopped Fernando Silva, 10.

Julian Velasquez, lost to Ruben Salazar, then beat Fabala Chavez, 10. Usman Saundeng outpointed Ben Escobar, 10. Lulu Perez outfought Bobby Courchesne, 10.

Lalo Gallardo defeated Rudolph Bent, 10. Tommy Tibbs decisioned Gene Butler, 10.

Carlos Ortiz kayoed Leroy Graham, 2. Jimmy Soo defeated Charlie Slaughter, 8. Pedro Biesca whipped Beto Carvajal, 10.

Eli Leggett scored over Dick Ramazetti, 8. Jimmy Calcutt kayoed Buck Earnhart, 4. Russ Tague kayoed Ples Gilmore, 7.

Ray Carvalho defeated Steve Takano, 6, but was kayoed by Abel Donnell, 4. Willie Dillon edged out Pete Kawala, 6. Davey Moore outscored Ray Riojas, 10.

Carlos Ortiz decisioned Hector Rodriguez, 6. Johnny Gorman outscored Tony Sansone, 8. George Justine kayoed Ike Bratton, 6.

Bobby Scanlon beat Art Oubre, 6. Ernie Mathews beat Willie Mares, 6. Babe Franco bested Manuel Munoz, 10.

Don Chester kayoed Willie Brown, 6. Tommy Elder defeated Johnny Bridges, 6. Tobe Penaloza stopped Beto Gonzalez, 3.

Artie Lupo stopped Eddie Campbell, 3. Ubaldo Ramirez defeated Renato Torres, 10. Charlie Cummings stopped Billy Waker, 6. Ron Bagley defeated Danny Davis, 8. Del Jackson kayoed Nunu Randle, 1.

Mickey Northup outscored Carl Coates, 10. Fedrico Plummer whipped Jose Edwin, 10. Terry Blanker kayoed Vic Fuentes, 6, then beat him in 8, Vic stopped Baby Dundee, 2. Enrique Esqueda defeated Art Ramponi, 10.

Armand Savoie defeated Jackie Blair, 10. Jerry Black whipped Eddie Thomas, 6. Alfredo Prado drew with Sabastian Ladislau, 10.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Lauro Salas stopped Jorge Macias, 9. Shigeji Kaneko defeated Flash Elorde, 10.

Willie Pep outpointed Henry (Pappy) Gault, 10, and Charley Titone, 10. Larry Vasquez outfought Jose Cotero, 10.

Victor Quijano whipped Rosendo del Castillo, 10. Roberto Bolanos defeated Roy Hernandez, 10.

Pedro Tesis outfought Horacio Otis, 10. Moi Torres won on a disqualification over Julio Escobedo, 8. Kid Anahuac kayoed Cecil Schoonmaker, 7.

French Champion Cherif Hamia lost to German Champion Rudi Langer, 10. Reuben Salazar edged out Julian Velasquez, 10.

Kenny Davis lost to bantamweight Trini Ruiz, 10, then upset Gil Cadilli, 10. Beto Couary kayoed Raul Solis, 6, and beat Papelero Sanchez, 10.

Felipe Sosa halted Luis Covarrubias, 6. Byron Cumberbatch stopped Roberto Murillo, 7.

Ernesto Figueroa defeated Jess Castillo, 10, but was kayoed by Manuel Armenteros, 7. Cleo Lane decisioned Dom Sacco, 8. Tommy Bain whipped Leon Rosano, 8.

Antonio Ramirez kayoed Jesus Lopez, 2. Kid Leoncito kayoed Kid Veracruz, 3. Gildardo Bacho kayoed Luis Villa, 4, but was stopped by flyweight Mario de Leon, 9.

Manuel Prescott decisioned Leslie Thompson, 8. Carlo Fusco defeated Charley Titone, 6. Vince Delgado scored over Joey Benson, 6.

Manolo Garcia won from Jesus Aguerri on disqualification, 7. Tommy Curtis defeated Jimmy Armstrong, 6. Alfredo Nevarez defeated Joey Reyes, 10.

Vicente Morrell drew with Lupe Pancho, 6. Scottish Champion Charley Hill trounced Ken Lawrence, 8. Gil Velarde decisioned Baby Face Gutierrez, 10. Tony Garcia bested Ray Bonilla, 8.

Alfredo Bunetta retained Argentina title by beating Ricardo Gonzalito, 15. Dave Gallardo outboxed Billy Evans, 10. Pedro Tesis stopped Santiago Martinez, 9. Tommy Bain stopped Charley McGarrity, 6. Bobby Soars kayoed Clint Brown, 3.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Mario D'Agata stopped Pedro Paris, 5. Billy Peacock kayoed Vic Eisen, 5.

Emile Chemama outfought Pierre Cossemyns, 10. Ernesto Parra whipped flyweight Oscar Suarez, 10.

Nai Sanong kayoed Little Cezar, 2. Cezar reversed it, also in 2. Ricardo Moreno kayoed Pedro Garcia, 1.

Henry (Pappy) Gault lost to featherweight Willie Pep, 10. Trini Ruiz scored over featherweight Kenny Davis, 10.

Babe Ruiz bested Rogelio Saucedo, 10. Emilio de la Rosa kayoed Lucio Torres, 4.

Kid San Martin beat Joe Luis Mora, 10. Miguel Lazu outscored Humberto Diaz-Llerandi, 8.

Manuel Jimenez defeated Joe Beltran, 10. Bobby Singleton defeated Clifton Bradley, 6.

Ernesto Castaneda defeated "Patito" Espindola, 10. Miguel Garcia stopped Tony Contreras, 3.

Cheto Fernandez whipped Mike Cruz, 10. Toto Ibarra kayoed Claudio Martinez, 6.

Manolito Kid outpointed Orlando Rodriguez, 8. Jorge Valverde halted Beto de Leon, 2. Raul Leanos bested Agustin Campos, 10.

Robert Tartari outfought Stanis Sobolak, 10. Goyo Castenada stopped Kid Zefine II, 3. Pimi Barajas kayoed Tommy Rhett, 4.

Carroll Genshaw defeated Flash Villaroel, 6. Ilario Tanelli outpointed Gaudenzio Carutti, 8.

Jean Renard whipped Dante Bini, 10. Jimmy Carson demolished Tommy Gillen, 1.

Billy Peacock kayoed Chamrern Songkitrat, 9. Al Asuncion beat Frisco Reyes, 10. Toto Ibarra halted Juan Salazar, 5.

FLYWEIGHTS

Young Martin captured the European flyweight title by beating British champion Dai Dower, 12. It snapped Dai's winning streak at 39 straight.

Tanny Campo beat Baby Moe Mario, 10. Oscar Suarez lost to bantamweight Ernesto Parra, 10.

Takeshi Yamaguchi stopped Augie Angeles, 6. Vittachai Kunoi kayoed Larry Pineda, 4.

Mario de Leon stopped Gildardo Bacho, 9. Chucho Tello defeated Eddie Luna, 10. Sonny McKay kayoed Edgar Miller, 4.

Little Brown kayoed Rush Bulan, 2.

WILL DE MARCO REGAIN TITLE?

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rages of Basilio will be taking their toll of DeMarco, slowly but surely. Should DeMarco be able to withstand the early punishment meted out by Basilio and, gaining the early advantage as he did in the first fight, elect not to trade with Basilio in an effort to bring him down but rather cut him down from long range his chances appear much brighter. However, long range or in close, if you're in the same ring with Basilio you are bound to be hurt.

But early events in the fight, when both will be bombing heavily to gain the upper hand, will naturally decide the course of battle.

A victory for Basilio will leave little for him to contend with in the welterweight ranks, apart from the long standing promise to give Johnny Saxton a shot at the title he once briefly held. It seems then that Basilio would move up to the middleweight ranks, only on condition that he receive an opportunity against the 160-lb. boss. With his stamina, ruggedness and deadening body punches, Basilio would stand a good chance in the next higher division.

Should DeMarco regain the crown, several opportunities loom for him, among them, no doubt, a third battle with Basilio, the final settling with Saxton, and a host of shots, both with the title at stake and not. It is conceivable that 23-year old DeMarco would hold the welterweight title for many years.

However, before we speculate too far in advance we have the important business at hand, the classic fight between two courageous battlers.

This bout, as their first, should rank among the all-time thrillers. And all we have to do is sit back and watch it.

COVERING NEW ENGLAND
By Charlie Longo

BOSTON GARDENS: Former welter kingpin Tony DeMarco, 145½, making his first start since losing the title to Carmen Basilio, blasted out Chico Vejar, 152, Stamford, Conn., in the closing seconds of the opening heat. Tony floored Chico twice and had him reeling around the ring, when referee Tommy Rawson halted it.

Barry Allison, 148, Chicopee, defeated Willie (Pineapple) Stevenson, 143, Boston, 6; Bob McHugh, 137½, Brighton, stopped Gus Robinson, 140½, Stamford, in 2:46 of the 3rd.; Benny Artist, 136, Brooklyn, defeated Gene Butler, 136, Boston, 6, and Gerry Tessier, 165, Springfield, halted Ted Doncaster, 164, Sackville, N.B. Canada in two.

In the semi-final, Tommy Nee, 147, South Boston, continued on his winning comeback by easily outpointing Benny Washington, 147, New York, 8.

▶ Portland, Me.—Former welterweight champion Johnny Saxton, 153, Brooklyn, won a hard fought ten round decision over Joe Shaw, 156, New York. Jimmy Mattos, 157, Lawrence, Mass., defeated Gaston (Kid) Roy, 154, Moncton, N.B., Canada, 6; Lee Williams, 158, New York, won over Ben Koolian, 167½, Providence, 6; Norm Gautreau, 145, Worcester, upset Dave Grant, 141, Boston, 4, and Ernie Mathews, 135, Boston, beat Pat Kelley, 139, Lawrence, 4.

▶ Tommy Tibbs, 134, Boston, won over Gene Butler, 140, Boston, in the featured bout of ten rounds. Dave Grant, 148½, Boston, outscored Stan Ketchell, 151½, Portland, 6; Ernie Mathews, 135½, Boston, defeated Willie Mares, 134, Hampton, 6; Norm Gautreau, 145½, Worcester, stopped Don Vincent, 148, Providence, 3, and James McKenney, 182½, Providence, kayoed Ray Anthony, 181½, Boston, in the first.

▶ Brockton.—Bobby Murphy, 142½, Boston, scored his 12th straight win by taking an eight round verdict over Rocky Sullivan, 140, Dorchester.

Walter Byars, 143, Boston, beat Bubba Norman, 145, New Haven, in the semi-final six. Augie Turiano, 182½, Brooklyn, kayoed Harry Attley, 191½, Samson A.F.B., N. Y., in the second. Bobby (Soares) West, 125, Providence, beat Tommy Shea, 123, Boston, 4, and Bobby Spencer, 136, Boston, defeated Joe Guzzetti, 142, Watertown, N. Y., 4.

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▶ Tony Maceroni, chief supervisor of boxing in R. I., was re-elected treasurer of the N.B.A. at the Detroit convention. Last January, Maceroni was elected to fill the unexpired term of Col. Henry Landry of Mississippi, who passed away.

Tony Petronella, R. I. Commissioner, left his office as president of the N.B.A. after a great year in which he traveled over 25,000 miles, including a jaunt to South America. The recent N.B.A. convention unanimously elected Tony as their first Foreign Co-Ordinator.

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WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS RING NEWS
By Don Hamill

THE VALLEY ARENA IN HOLYOKE reopened to the indoor season under Sam Silverman of Boston, New England's top promoter, who has taken over the reins. His first card held in the newly decorated arena drew an encouraging crowd. The fans were treated to an action packed card.

In the main event, former world's featherweight champion, Willie Pep, 131, Hartford, Conn., looked every part the master that brought him to all-time greatness as he took all ten rounds over former North American bantamweight titleholder, Henry (Pappy) Gault, 125, Spartansburg, S. C. The latter hardly laid a glove on Pep during the fray, but he never stopped trying. Pep was content to get a workout so eased off several times after shaking up his willing opponent.

Andre Tessier, 162, Springfield, scored six knockdowns in stopping Jack Silver, 158, New York, in the first round of the six round semi-windup. In fours, Jimmy Peters, 150, Washington, D. C., won a split decision over Ray Comtois, 149, Holyoke; Gerry Tessier, 165, Springfield, and Ben Koolian, 164, Providence, R. I., ended up all even; Cliff Eskeridge, 118, Washington, D. C., decisioned Maurice (Treadway) Manual, 120, Charlotte, N. C.; and Johnny Juliano, 131, Hartford, turned pro with a stunning kayo over Rocky Beauregard, 131½, Holyoke, in the final heat.

NEW JERSEY BOXING NEWS
By Lewis Eskin

UNDER THE ABLE DIRECTION of Duke Stefano, boxing returned to the Trenton Arena, and although it was far from a success financially, the fans on hand saw an action packed card. The promoters plan to run three shows in October on the 11th., 18th., and 25th.

▶ TRENTON ARENA: Johnny Gorman, 134, Brooklyn, used his reach advantage to good stead as he outboxed aggressive Tony Sansone, 138½, Astoria, L. I., to win referee Allie Tedisco's nod 5-2-1. Sansone was a late sub for Trenton's Gene Takach.

Charley Jones, 190, Newark, ran off his third straight win as he shaded Dusty Rhodes, 178, New York, 4; Clarence Bland, 188, Jamaica, L. I., outlasted Joe Dawson, 190, Millville, 4; Josh Thomas, 138, Trenton, and Bernie Hall, 138, Astoria, fought to a thrilling draw. Hall was decked in the first, but finished strong in the fourth. David Walker, 182, Trenton, stopped Joe Kovac, 192, when a cut eye kept Kovac from coming out for the second round.

WASHINGTON D. C. CAPERS
By Mike Geary

GOLDIE AHEARN PROMOTED ONE OF THE HOTTEST local brawls we've seen around these parts in many a moon, in the nationally televised Willie Troy-Chuck Speiser affair from Turner's Arena. Troy, the local favorite and ranking middleweight, stepped into the ring for his first crack at the light-heavy field, with the odds 3-1 in his favor. After four fairly even rounds, with both boys showing plenty of steam, Speiser cut loose in the fifth stanza, flooring Troy twice for the mandatory eight count and after a third knockdown, Referee Charlie Reynolds halted the fight when it appeared obvious that Troy could no longer defend himself. Speiser was forced to bring the fight to an abrupt ending due to the fact that his face was badly cut in the third round and it appeared that the ring-side physician would stop the fight or refuse to allow Speiser out for the sixth round. This was the 16th win in 19 professional starts (13 wins by KO) for Speiser, who twice won the NCAA light heavyweight championship and fought in the 1948 and 1952 Olympic Games, prior to turning pro. For Troy it was his sixth loss against 29 wins and a draw.

▶ Crowe Peele, 186, 1955 Louisiana State NCAA Heavyweight champ, made his professional debut by TKOing Jimmy Brown, 180, Baltimore at the start of the fourth round of a four-round semi-windup. Peele will fight out of New Orleans.

Monk Reynolds, 171½, Washington, outpointed Jimmy Thompson, 175, Washington. Four rounds. Sonny Boy Williams, 140, Washington, knocked out Jimmy Evans, 139, Baltimore, in 2:23 of the first round in a scheduled four.

IN AND AROUND CHICAGO
By Lenny Myers

THE INTERNATIONAL BOXING CLUB presented Bobby Boyd, Chicago middleweight sensation, against Gene Fulmer and Boyd, by clever boxing, gained the decision. Both boys put forth a thrilling battle, but Fulmer missed most of his wild swings. The decision in favor of Boyd was popular. Boyd should now be considered a serious contender in the middleweight division.

In other bouts, Al Lane, local heavyweight scored a third round knockout over Gene White in a scheduled six spot. Frank McGarry trained by Joe Johnson kayoed Joe Ludensky in three heats. Willie Dillion beat Pete Kawala in four fast rounds.

▶ Larry Watson, 178, local heavyweight, traveled to Tacoma, Washington, where he met Big Dave Davey, 227, in a ten round feature and Watson fought one of the best fights of his career, but lost a split decision. One judge voted 98 to 92 in favor of Watson.

▶ Davey Moore, Chicago, and Springfield, Ohio, scored a ten round decision over highly touted Ray Riojas of El Paso, Texas. The bout held in El Paso was Moore's first visit there.

The Marigold Gardens will reopen soon under Irv Schoenwald. Irv has for years given the local fighters their big chance and is well liked by the boys in the game.

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IN INDIANA RINGS
By Tony Coppi

ACTIVITY IN BOXING RESUMED in Indiana after a year's absence when two shows were held in the Hoosier state, taking place in Indianapolis and Jeffersonville.

▶ In the Indianapolis ball park before a crowd of almost six thousand boxing fans Virgil Akins of St. Louis won a slim dull decision over Harold (Baby Face) Jones of Detroit in ten rounds.

The crowd booed loudly during the latter half of the feature as Akins and Jones clinched repeatedly and jabbed lightly. Akins, 147¼, found the southpaw style of Jones, 143¾, confusing until the later rounds. Jones was down in the ninth round for a short count.

Joe Tuvell, 179½, Indianapolis, scored a TKO over Johnny Freeman, 191 Fort Wayne, who was hanging on the ropes when the fight was stopped at 1:43 of the second round.

In the eight round semi-windup Tommy Bain, 127 and Leon Rosana, 128 fought for the junior lightweight title of Indiana. The bout, an interesting and fast encounter, was won by Bain.

Charley Liston, St. Louis heavyweight, won by TKO over Johnny Gray, 193, Chicago, when the bout was stopped at the end of the sixth by the ring physician.

Andy Watkins, 150, Indianapolis, was the victor over Al Jones, 153, St. Louis by split decision in six rounds.

▶ Sam Rauth, Jr., promoted a five-bout card at the Sportsdrome in Jeffersonville during the month.

In the feature eight round bout Sherman Williams, 158, Indianapolis, and George Boddie, 158, Dayton, fought to a draw.

William Hester, 155, Louisville, won a decision over Andy Watkins, 152, Indianapolis, also in eight rounds.

Carl Blair, 164, Louisville, decisioned Al Carter, Charleston, W. Va., in six rounds. Eddie Spears, 155, Dayton, won a split decision over Alvin Perkins, 169, Bordon, Ind., in six.

Charles Glover, 158, Cincinnati, knocked out Mack Carroll, 165, Indianapolis, in two rounds of a scheduled six.

WHO NEXT FOR MARCIANO?

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Baker connection, wants the Pittsburgh Negro to get the match. Baker had accomplished nothing to merit the fight. However, he would have got the call over Moore if Archie had not commanded the title match through his quick knockout of Bobo Olson.

WHAT HAS BAKER DONE TO GET MATCH?

Now, let us summarize the more recent achievements of the three possibilities.

Baker has beaten Rex Layne, the much trounced, three straight times, without once stopping him. Every one of these fights went the ten round limit.

Bob used to have a punch. But he has not displayed it in the last year.

Jackson stopped Layne in the sixth round not so long ago, Referee Handler halting the fight because Rex was blinded by gore gushing from a cut over an eye after Layne had rolled up a 4 to 1 lead in rounds.

Immediately before the Layne fight, the Hurricane trounced Ezzard Charles, former heavyweight champion, in ten heats.

Beating Charles or Layne no longer is regarded as a trick, so Jackson cannot pride himself on very much because he has walloped both Ezz and Rex.

Now we come to Valdes. His defeat by Moore in fifteen rounds last May was a costly setback. But Nino's three round knockout of Cockell compensated for the Moore affair.

Some experts like to throw Floyd Patterson into the melee. But the Brooklyn youngster still is a light heavyweight, and not a big one, at that. It would be plain murder to throw Patterson into a ring with Marciano next June. Floyd's manager would not permit it.

Now, then, what conclusions may be reached from examination of the field?

The man who deserves the next crack at Marciano is Valdes. The Rock took nine rounds to stop Cockell, the Cuban did it in three.

Valdes long has merited a shot at the champion. His quick knockout of Jackson tossed him into the foreground. But the IBC does not appear to be too well disposed toward Nino and Bobby Gleason, his manager.

BOXING POLITICS KEEP VALDES FROM CHANCE

If Valdes is shunted off to a siding again, he will grow old and decrepit without ever having got a chance to become champion.

It is deplorable that boxing politics and convolutions have kept Nino from his just dues. The writer believes that Marciano would stop Valdes in five rounds. But there are wise men who have a different view, and what with one thing and another, Nino should get the call.

To give Baker the fight over Valdes would be a rank injustice, if not an out and out mismatch.

The dope is that Norris is not keen for Baker. The IBC would like to see Jackson whip Jimmy Slade, and achieve a complete recovery from the knockout by Valdes.

With Weill pulling for Baker, and Norris pulling for Jackson, Valdes still is on the outside looking in.

The untutored, undisciplined Jackson is not ready for a championship fight. He is a wild, harum-scarum fighter without basic skills, a phenomenon, perhaps not too pleasant, at a time of contender scarcity in the heavyweight division.

As a publicity source, Jackson doubtless would be far and away the best choice. His strange antics, his down to earth patterns, would recommend him as an oddity.

For a man like Jackson to become the heavyweight champion of the world, through a wild punch, would not be a benefit to boxing. The effect would be even more disastrous than Battling Siki's becoming heavyweight champion would have been.

Boxing cannot afford to give a museum piece a title opportunity chiefly because he is an oddity.

Eventually, Jackson may polish up in and out of the ring, and merit the big chance.

MARCIANO AND MOORE GAVE SPORT BOOST

The Marciano-Moore fight gave boxing in this country a tremendous boost. Popular interest in the sport achieved a rally. The theatre-TV of the fight drew a million dollars.

It would be deplorable if Marciano did not get into action again in June, against a man who would be regarded as an opponent rather than a stooge.

Marciano now is left virtually alone as a major drawing card. For a while Olson appeared likely to develop into a rival for the admiration and box office support of the fans. But Bobo's early knockout by Moore sent the middleweight champion plummeting in the popularity ratings.

Carmen Basilio, the welter champion, has an interesting potential. If he takes Tony De Marco again, and then defeats Johnny Saxton, Carmen will move into the spot from which Archie toppled Olson.

Moore talks about another shot at Rocky, but there is neither occasion nor demand for the fight. Marciano could go right on whipping Moore, with increasing conviction, if they were to meet another three times.

Moore now faces the fact that he is the light heavyweight champion and has a title of his own to defend. Like all other light heavy kings with heavyweight aspirations, he has failed, and now has pressing if less lucrative, business in his own division.

A fight between Moore and Patterson eventually will take place if Moore defends his title successfully against Randy Turpin. Floyd is rated the top contender by "The Ring Magazine," with Harold Johnson second.

Moore first will engage Randy Turpin, in London in January. It appears quite likely that Archie will dispose of the onetime conqueror of Ray Robinson with ease and then it will be time to talk about a Moore-Patterson fight.

In the meantime, Basilio is the magnet, over the Winter. Marciano's June move will be decidedly important. More than ever before is the heavyweight champion the dominant figure in world boxing.

ARE WRESTLING FANS CRAZY?

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snapped! He was lucky, but it was a narrow escape from bodily harm for E. B. who was happy to have lost only a stone.

A good reaction to energies by the wrestling fan is shown by events that transpired at a match featuring Big Ed Gardenia, who was roughing it up with Logger Lawson. Ed had a toe hold on Logger when a fan, unable to restrain herself any longer, screamed out in mortal anguish: "Bite it off . . . step on his head!" . . . and a last plea: "Bite it . . . teach him a lesson, Ed."

Big Ed satisfied the paying client by nibbling on Loggers bare toes and all were satisfied. No one asked the Logger how he felt about it.

A typical night's fun. I wonder if the U. S. Employment Service would have a description of these behemoths who plied a trade for the entertainment of a questionably sane clique of sports.

I was surprised to find that they did: The description states: "Men who weigh in excess of 200 pounds and reimbursement is listed at from $25.00 to $30.00 for an eight hour week." An appendage qualifies the work by the phrase: "A knowledge of wrestling is helpful."

Are wrestling fans crazy? Sure they are. Especially me. I'm one of them.

EUROPEAN GOSSIP

by Charlie Parish

▶ **Robert Cohen** successfully defended his World Title in South Africa and thereby maintained French supremacy in a division replete with stars. Hilaire Pratesi, the popular young bantam hope, suffered very serious injuries in a car accident but is slowly recovering.

Young Martin captured the European flyweight title in England, kayoing Dai Dower in twelve. Martin was badly underrated by the English press, who had been tipped to watch for the Spaniard's right. Martin is a southpaw and scores most of his many kayoes with a left hook to the liver.

Ingo Johansson is in the States for a few bouts which means that boxing in Sweden will be dead until his return. New recruits to the paid ranks have added interest to the game in Europe.

▶ Paris—Perhaps the most important program on the Continent during the month was the opening of the Palais des Sports with Pierre Langlois, Ferrer and Hamia as the main attractions. For the first two, it was an attempt at rehabilitation which hardly came off. Hamia was completely off form. Pierre Langlois, once more on the trail of Charles Humez, picked a tricky customer in Gino Rossi, the Italian. The rugged and expert spoiler, continually muffled the half-hearted attacks of Pierre, who won the decision but hardly convinced the crowd.

Seraphin Ferrer tackled a game Englishman, Johnny Butterworth. This was the Briton's first scrap in months but he gave Ferrer some nasty moments during the third round when he slammed the North African around. Marshalling his reserves, Ferrer returned the fire and slowly overwhelmed his foe. By the seventh, Butterworth was nearly at the end of his resources and took a count. He went down again in the eighth and was counted out.

Rudi Langer, able German feathers champ, boxed rings round the dynamic French champ, Cherif Hamia. The verdict went to the Frenchman but it was Langer who got the unanimous nod from press and public.

Germinal Ballarin shattered Hamouda Bouraoui in the fifth round of a murderous middles maul, no mean achievement. And in another middles scrap, Marcel Pigou whipped Guy Lascombes over six rounds. Alphonse Halimi, former amateur star, iced Georges Lafage in the opening frame of a feathers fray.

▶ Valencia, Spain. Bautista Navarro returned to action after a long layoff with a points win over Jesus Martinez in a middles eight. At Madrid, José Galiana was unable to score his usual knockout. Jimmy Black, the cagey Trinidad lightie who has fought around most of Europe, was too fast for the Toledo Blade to pin down and ceded to Galiana on points after ten rounds.

Young Martin trimmed Ogazon in a flyweight ten and Emilio Orozco shared honors with Carmelo Beraza in a welter eight. Jacinto Santin, stiff-clouting southpaw, won over Kim Navarro in a feathers eight.

▶ Rome—Aristide Dal Piaz, who is gently climbing the middleweight ladder, scored an easy win over the third-rate German, Heinz Schröder, who was nailed to the canvas in round two.

Also in the Eternal City, Paolo Cipriani drew with Gaetano De Lucia in a lightie eight whilst up at Pavia, Annibale Omodei won with ease over the Frenchman, Said Boucheroua, in a lightie eight.

Giacomo Di Jasio debuted in the pro ranks with an unexpected win over Otello Valdrappa, who was disqualified in the second stanza of this lightie bout for repeated fouls whilst Giordano Camparo stopped Annibale Negro in the second of a feathers slam.

▶ Hyeres, France. Francis Magnetto made his bow in the paid ranks with a very one-sided points victory over Jean Laugier in eight rounds. The former amateur heavyweight star should do well if he gets sufficient work. Touzard, currently the French heavies leader, has had but two fights this year.

▶ Brescia, Italy. Aristide Pozzali, now leading challenger for the national flyweight title which has been surrendered by Gianelli, won a clear decision over Carlo Ferrante of France in ten ronuds.

At Viterbo, Luigi Male drew with Stefano Bellotti, an old foe, over ten rounds and at Grosseto, Dom Baccheschi trimmed Frank Mariani in a modest heavyweight six.

In Rome, Franco Rosini regained his stride by stopping Natale Blasi in the second frame of their welter clash and Guglielmo Paulon checked Vittorio Fuiano in the third of a middles maul.

▶ Dortmund, Germany. Heinz Neuhaus has lost considerable prestige in the Fatherland of late. Several incidents had made a bad impression on the public and this culminated in the Bologna fiasco, when the rotund Heinz let himself be foxed by the statuesque Italian, Franco Cavicchi. A large crowd packed the Westfalen Hall to see how Neuhaus would fare in a return slam with the southerner although this was only a ten round affair with no title at stake. Well, Neuhaus succeeded in demonstrating that Cavicchi is, in fact, merely a third-rate type of terror.

The Teuton set out in grim earnest right from the opening gong and forced Cavicchi on the retreat. So it was in each round, Neuhaus pressing the attack, Cavicchi taking cover or clinching. Finally, the referee halted the debacle in round nine, disqualifying the European champ for continuous holding and complete lack of fighting gumption. The third man was Bergström, a Dutchman of Swedish origin, one of the most objective of referees.

▶ The rest of the bill was made up of German-Italian pairings and it was these Italians in the supporting bouts who rescued the good name of Italian boxing. Gino Campagna nearly brought off a first-class sensation in the autumn of his career by cracking Max Resch with a stiff left to the chin right at the commencement of their middles melée. The Stuttgart bruiser was badly shaken and Campagna followed up with barrage upon barrage which had Resch reeling helplessly around the ring.

Then the German collected his scattered senses. It was now Campagna's turn to retreat and a sudden left hook send him crashing to the deck. The gong saved him from a sure knockout but in the next frame Resch followed home his advantage and laid his opponent cold as marble.

Joe Bygraves, the Jamaican heavy, made a successful debut on the Continent, knocking out Hugo Salfeld in five rounds and thus putting paid to the Teuton's career.

Mario Di Persio made his pro debut a very notworthy one by outscoring the German heavyweight hope, Manfred Schneider, over four rounds.

Siegried Burrow was rather lucky to get the nod over Ferrucio Consorti in a welter eight and Alfred Schweer neatly decisioned Franco Giannini in a feathers four.

Willi Quator knocked out Hermann Lewandowski in the fourth of another feathers fray and Karlheinz Bick scraped home winner over Enrico Macale in a brilliant lightweight affair which brought both men a bonus from the promotors.

▶ Paris—The Central Club opened its doors once more with lightweight prospect Emile Carapezzi as main attraction. Emile whipped Goujon over eight rounds while the Spanish lightie, Jim Mora, drew with Guedjal, over six.

At Tunis, Tino Albanese was far too good for Bill Jo Cohen and laced the local middle easily over ten rounds. Ben Younes repeated previous victory over Yves Boglione in a welter ten.

▶ Padua, Italy. Giannino Luise continued his diet of ham and eggs by icing the modest French heavy, Claude Vermand, in three rounds.

At Figline, Giancarlo Dugini deserved more than a draw against Rino Stiaccini in their bantam eight.

▶ At Pontedera, Guido Mazzinghi, fast-improving middles star, could not put across the finisher but won a clear points verdict over the game young French battler, Lou Mourros, after eight rounds.

At Padua, Giannino Luise continued his diet of miscellaneous opposition by flattening the French novice, Claude Vermand, in the third heat.

Federico Friso, another promising Italian heavy, put paid to Marcel Leorier in the fifth, and in two middles mauls, Arnaldo Camporese stiffened the French negro, Henry Wade, in four and Antonio Pippa beat Marcel Bednar on points.

Fausto Boarato won over Mekiuba, Algerian middle, in fourth after the latter was ruled out for butting.

▶ San Polo d'Enza, Italy—Artenio Calzavara

CONTINENTAL RATINGS

Month Ending Oct. 20, 1955

HEAVIES	CRUISERS	MIDDLES	WELTERS
1. Heinz Neuhaus (G)	Gerhard Hecht (G)	Charles Humez (F)	Idrissa Dione (F)
2. Franco Cavicchi (I)	Willi Hoepner (G)	Gustav Scholz (G)	Sauveur Chiocca (F)
3. Ingo Johansson (SW)	Charles Colin (F)	Hans Stretz (G)	Chris Christensen (D)
4. Kurt Schiegl (A)	William Besmanoff (G)	Claude Milazzo (F)	Bep van Klaveren (H)
5. Gunther Nurnberg (G)	Wim Snoek (H)	Pierre Langlois (F)	Valere Benedetto (F)
6. Uber Bacilieri (I)	Ivano Fontana (I)	Tiberio Mitri (I)	Jacques Herbillon (F)
7. Aldo Pellegrini (I)	Marcel Limage (B)	Peter Muller (G)	Emilio Marconi (I)
8. Hans Friedrich (G)	Artemio Calzavara (I)	Max Resch (G)	Jacques Prigent (F)
9. Werner Wiegand (G)	Gunnar Nilsson (SW)	Franco Festucci (I)	Giancarlo Garbelli (I)
10. Robert Eugene (B)	Cesare Bagnoli (I)	Olle Bengtsson (SW)	Ernst Zetzmann (G)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERS	BANTAMS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Duilio Loi (I)	Ray Famechon (F)	Robert Cohen (F)	Young Martin (S)
2. Seraphin Ferrer (F)	Fred Galiana (S)	Hilaire Pratesi (F)	Nazzareno Gianelli (I)
3. Hoacine Khalfi (F)	Cherif Hamia (F)	Mario D'Agata (I)	Aristide Pozzali (I)
4. Bruno Visinton (I)	Jose Hernandez (S)	Andre Valignat (F)	Robert Mouginot (F)
5. Louis Carrara (F)	Jean Sneyers (B)	Emile Chemama (F)	Henri Schmit (F)
6. Laouri Godih (F)	Rudi Langer (G)	Pierre Cossemyns (B)	Guy Schatt (F)
7. Edouard Ptak (F)	Sergio Milan (I)	Piero Rollo (I)	Emile Delplanque (B
8. Piet van Klaveren (H)	Mohamed Chickaoui (F)	Roberto Spina (I)	Pipo Dionisio (F)
9. Joseph Janssens (B)	Altidoro Polidori (I)	Jean Renard (B)	Hilaire Caviano (F)
10. Annibale Omodei (I)	Jules Touan (F)	Gaetano Annaloro (T)	Mario D'Augusta (I)

LEGEND: (A) Austria; (B) Belgium; (D) Denmark; (F) France; (G) Germany; (H) Holland; (I) Italy; (S) Spain; (SW) Sweden; (T) Tunisia.

is a cruiser who has done very well of late in Continental circles. His latest victim in round five was Karl Ameisbichler, the blond Austrian who either wins or loses before the limit. The Austrian has announced his retirement and intends to settle in the Argentine.

Franco Livio decisioned Walter Cozzani in a welter eight and Silvio Roteglia flattened young Sonny Michels in the fourth of a lightie larrup.

▶Austrian visitors were also in evidence at Leghorn, where Freschi outscored Adalbert Simek of Vienna in a feathers six and Armando Mattei was lucky to get a draw against Papadopoulos, a Greek middle fighting out of the Waltz City, over eight rounds. Mario Rosellini stopped Enrico Scilipoti in the opening round of a lightie scrap and Ballarini checked Bertuccelli in the third of a welters encounter.

▶Berlin—Artie Towne made his bow to Continental spectators at the Sport Palace and made his mark as the latest of the bogey-men who have been washed up on these shores to harrass European big shots. Towne had already left a trail of destruction behind him in England and Peter Müller accepted the American middleweight probably to wipe out the memory of that last unsavoury fight with Dussart.

Black Peter fought a very clean battle again a man who repeatedly fouled. Towne was warned several times but despite this had the fight well in hand when the referee, Bergström, stopped hostilities in the ninth to warn Towne once more. As the ref stepped back, Towne slung over a right which caught the Rhinelander in the neck and laid him out. Bergström at once disqualified the American but this decision was later revised and the verdict officially given as "No Decision."

Rudi Langer was in brilliant form and soon wore down the attacks of Albert Müller at the beginning of their battle for the vacant lightweight title. He chopped Müller with cool precision and obliged the doctor to call a halt at the end of the tenth round. Langer thus becomes the new light-champ and thereby surrenders his feathers crown.

Günther Hase goes from strength to strength. After clearing from his path such local rivals as Höhmann and Burrow, the young welter comer clearly outfought the Spanish ex-champ, Manuel Correa, over eight and another Spanish guest, José Gonzales, was likewise outpointed after a game struggle by William Besmanoff in a heavyweight eight.

Uwe Janssen was too much for Gerd Rode, a young cruiser making his first pro start, and won over six rounds whilst Heinrich Sattler forced Herbert Sowa to retire at the end of the fifth frame in a middles engagement.

▶Madrid, Spain—Fred Galiana is having notably less good fortune against battlers from the British Isles. Sammy Bonnici, the lively Maltese feather, broke the Toledo Blade's long kayo run, Jimmy Black lasted the distance and now Bonnici bounced right back into Spain again to hold the ferocious one to another points decision, in Galiana's favor.

Manolo Garcia was given the decision over veteran Jesus Aguerri who was ruled out in the seventh of another feathers slam and Emilio Orozco once more drew with Carmelo Beraza in a welter eight. At Melilla, in Spanish Morocco, the local welter star, Ben Buker II, halted Jose Cifuentes in seven.

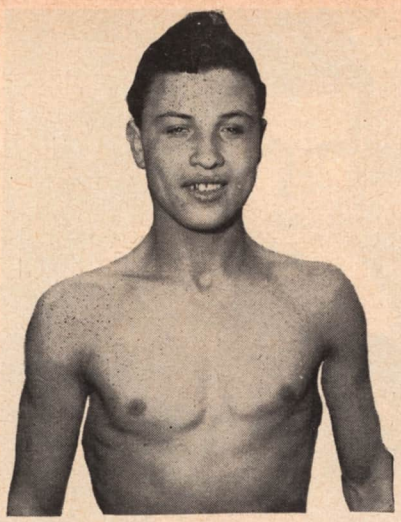
▶Vichy, France—Seraphin Ferrer returned to action after a long layoff. He was closely watched to see whether the shattering kayo inflicted by Percy Bassett had left any effects. Against the Belgian champ, Ray Souply, it was hard to judge as Ferrer did pretty well as he liked with the weary Walloon and finished him off in the fifth.

At Oran, Algeria, Taibi became the North African middles king by defeating Spataro on points and Francis Boleda was stopped by Medjene in the sixth of a lightweight scramble.

▶Liege, Belgium—Jean Renard is now heading the revival of boxing in these parts and did well to punch out a clean decision over the crafty French bantam, Dante Bini, in ten rounds. Pierre Wouters got the nod over Bruno Marostegan in ten rounds and in two further welter dust-ups, Abel Soudan laced Hans Nesemann, Germany, over eight and Jean Hoeffler chilled Klaus Miska, Germany, in four. Kid Dussart grappled his way to a points win over the Austrian middles king, Leo Starosch, in yet another ten-rounder.

▶Amsterdam, Holland—Wim Snoek had some uncomfortable moments in the latter half of his eight-rounder with Günther Balzer, German cruiser, but survived to edge through with a clear points decision. Sigi Jarych, French welter, defeated Kid Belfort of Syria (now a Dutch citizen) over eight whilst Tonny Baars beat Alois Brand of Germany in a lightweight six.

▶Milan, Italy—The Sunny South was not much in evidence at the Vigorelli Stadium, where half the program was cancelled owing to heavy rains. Duilio Loi, not generally recognized as a hard hitter, finished off the Trinidad boxer, Boswell St. Louis, in four rounds.



French Featherweight Champion Cherif Hamia, who defeated German title-holder Rudi Langer on opening card of Palais des Sports' 1955-56 boxing season in Paris.

Gaetano Garbelli, now competing as a welter, also stopped Gerd Müller, German gamecock, in four after a much more desperate affair. Another German, Hans Strelecki, was equally unfortunate, being stopped in the third stanza by a left hook to the liver from Sergio Burchi, rising cruiser. Luciano Finiletti trimmed Marcel Bednar in a good middles six.

▶Bologna, Italy—Mario D'Agata proved that he is really back in top form by putting the skids under the game and forceful Spanish bantam, Pedro Paris, in the third round. Heavyweights were also in evidence. Aldo Pellegrini continued his winning series by stopping the powerful German, Herbert Wiese, in four whilst Mario Di Persio followed up his Dortmund success by whipping the cherubic German giant, Bobby Warmbrunn, over six rounds. Giancarlo Bettazoni debuted successfully by flattening Livio Ricciolini in the third of yet another heavies clash. Guido Mazzinghi made it twenty bouts without a defeat by lacing rugged Stanis Pasek of France in a middles eight and Aldo Pravisani nodded Lucien Meraint in a feathers eight.

▶Brussels—Promotor Frans Reis received little support from the public for his opening at the Palais des Sports despite the quality of the program.

Emile Chemama fairly lit up the hall with a glittering display of fireworks which gained him a house-high decision over the Belgian bantam, Pierre Cossemyns, over ten rounds.

A heavyweight competition made up the rest of the bill, providing a few surprises. Blond Alain Cherville, as expected, wasted little time with Jean Pierre of France and laid him flat in the second round. Maurice Mols, France's roly-poly menace, threw a real upset by pasting huge Werner Wiegand on points and Willy Fanzlau chucked another spanner in the works by trouncing Robert Eugene over the distance and Eugene Peyre checked another Belgian, Maurice Demulder, in three. In a welter scrap, Aimé Mathys iced Edmond Meskens in two.

▶Arezzo, Italy—Ilario Tanelli repeated a previous win by defeating Gaudenzio Carutti in a bantam ten.

At Gonzaga, Mario Savoldi scored over modest Orfeo Meneghini in a middles ten and at La Spezia, Alberto Serti decisioned Teresio Cavagna in a feathers six.

▶Monaco—Goullain beat Julien Staccini in the fourth frame, the latter being disqualified for hitting low. Although Monaco is an independent principality, this bout was recognized as an official semi-final for the vacant Provence welter title. Staccini, furthermore, is an Italian subject. René Beolet, France shared honors with an Italian lightweight, Renato Sanso, over eight rounds.

▶Ostend, Belgium—Charles Odon outboxed the German welter, Alois Brand, over ten, Paul van Damme was lucky to get the nod over Heinrich Sattler, German middle, over eight and finally Peter Werner turned the tide against the locals by edging out a points win over Vincken, in a middles eight.

▶Hamburg, Germany—The much-advertised affair between Gerhard Hecht 180, and Henry Hall 179, of America did not provide many sensations but both men delivered a good performance. It was hard for Hecht to land many really effective blows but as the main run of the contest was in his favor, he copped the verdict.

Günter Hase did very well to outfight blond Siegfried Burrow in a hard welter eight and Max Resch carried too many guns for the game but second-rate Spanish middle, Francisco Frances, who went out in the fifth after a gallant struggle.

Gerhard Rode avenged his points defeat by Uwe Janssen a week before by smashing his rival to the canvas in the opening round, with a right hook to the solar plexus. Janssen thus tasted his first defeat in the paid ranks.

In a heavyweight slam, Manfred Schneider thumped out a win over the Italian, Renato Podrecca, over four rounds while Erich Walter and Fritz Wenzel slugged it out for six rounds with the nod going finally to the local middle, Walter. Alfred Schweer trimmed Willi Gelhaar in a feathers four and Günter Wohlers nodded big Karl Gröbner in a middles four.

▶St. Brieuc, France—Francis Coeuret kicked off the new season with a win over the Italian heavy, Frank Mariany, over ten rounds and Gaston Mathieu laced Emile Carapezzi, Parisian welter, also over ten.

▶At the Central Club in Paris, Robert Tartari outboxed Stan Sobolak in a feathers eight and Bernard Belli laid Pierret low in the opening canto of a middles dispute.

At Biarritz, André Drille clearly whipped Gino Menozzi in a middles ten.

▶Essen, Germany—Heinz Sachs was extremely lucky to earn a draw against formidable Franz Szüzina here although he had eight pounds advantage over the Bremen middleweight. Sachs' manager was also the promotor.

Hans Brendemühl, the promising heavyweight from Hamburg, completely outfought and outboxed the game veteran, Willy Fanzlau, over eight. Horst Schielke knocked out Heinz Schröder in the fourth of a welter argument, König nodded Soodmann in a middles four, Horst Neuke laced Gangfuss in a lightie four and Rings stopped Henning in the fourth frame of a feathers fluster.

▶Vienna, Austria— Karl Ameisbichler, the once-promising cruiser star, came to the end of a long road when he was knocked out by veteran Leo Starosch in the eighth round of a battle for the latter's cruiser title. Ameisbichler gave his best years to the amateur sport and in the past year has steadily been on the downgrade.

▶Civitacastellana, Italy—In this seven-syllabled city, Sergio Caprari scored his best win to date by outpointing the strong and forceful Frenchman, Robert Meunier, in a feathers ten.

At Viterbo, Gastone Casarico halted Giorgio Bastogi in the sixth of a feathers bout and at Piazzola sul Brenta, Federico Frisco flattened the French heavy, Jean Rouch, with a left to the jaw in the second session and Antonio D'Angelo was lucky to get the nod over Pietro Zampaglione in a feathers eight. Giuseppe Capra scraped home winner against Danilo Bottoni in a close welter eight.

▶At Cento, Carlo Poli put the skids under Gianni Mariani in the third of a lightweight contest.

▶Rheims, France—The public and press warmly congratulated Jacques Herbillon for his convincing knockout of a Finn, Eric Peters, in the second round of a welter scrap. Now this Eric Peters was boosted in the press as "just back from a victorious campaign in Canadian and American rings and having designs on the European title!" but Eric Peters is none other than Erkki Piispa, who lost most of his ten bouts in Scandinavia and had also been beaten in Paris four years ago by modest Sylvain Therouse. He did not win a single bout in the States or in Canada.

Another Finn, less pretentious but more efficient, was Sulo Seitola, a bright bantam who did well in Danish rings some while ago. Seitola lost narrowly on points to Maurice Hautois, over eight rounds.

▶Montargis, France—Jean Piniarski, the local middles hope, advanced one more rung up the ladder by trouncing the ageing but still dangerous Mickey Laurent over ten rounds. Marcel Dupré stopped Bachir Boukalfa in the eighth of a welter whirl.

▶At Lourches, Jacques Bataille returned to action as a lightweight, checking veteran Jean Archambault in the third round.

▶At Arques, the local welter, Roger Facqueur, outpointed Alois Brandt of Germany over ten and Giorgio Nelli whipped the Belgian feather, Deschepper, over six rounds.

▶Pavia, Italy—Annibale Omodei chalked up another victory by clearly out-boxing Renato Giacche in a lightweight eight and Giacomo Di Jasio knocked out Giovanni Sanna in the third of a lightie larrup. Giordano Campari threw a minor upset by icing experienced

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BOXING IN UTAH
By Pete Giacoma

BOXING IS ON THE UP BEAT in Utah with four shows being staged the past month.

▶ Hurricane: In the feature on a mixed boxing and wrestling card, Garth Panter, 161, Salt Lake City, stopped Danny Schott, 170, Ely, Nevada, in 1:43 of the third round. Garth completely outclassed his opponent.

Toole: Max Chris, 185, Toole, kayoed Willie Palmer, 182, Los Angeles, in 2:04 of the third round in the feature of a mixed boxing and wrestling show.

▶ Cedar City: Ken Hoyt, 162, Cedar City, kayoed Jackie Spurlock, 168, Salem, Ore., in 1:23 of the sixth round. In the semi-final Don Kennington, 147, Star Valley, Wyo., halted Danny Lee, 146, Salem, Ore., in 0.46 of the fourth.

▶ Ogden: Gene Fullmer, 155, West Jordan, outhustled Al Andrews, 158, Superior, Wis., in a fast moving ten rounder. Gene punched too fast for Andrews, but Al made a fight of it all the way. The vote all for Fullmer was 8-0-2, 9-0-1 and 8-1-1.

Benny Flake, 164, Salt Lake, kayoed Dean Anderson, 167, Idaho Falls, in 2:37 of the first; Benny Saddler, 147, Ogden, stopped Andy Maes, 149, Salt Lake, in 1:32 of the second; Toby Salazar, 143, Salt Lake, won over Mike Raymond, 141, Ogden, 4; Don Kennington, 147, Star Valley, Wyo., bested Jim Morley, 145, Salt Lake, 4, and Junior Best, 129½, Kearns, halted Vernon Campos, 130, Salt Lake, due to a cut eye in the fourth. A crowd of over 4,500 turned out for this fine show.

IN "PACIFIC NORTHWEST" RINGS
By R. D. Casey

THE NORTHWEST'S TOP PROMOTER, Jack Hurley, contemplates staging a "round-robin heavyweight tournament" here in Seattle in an effort to develop a legitimate contender for Rocky Marciano's diadem. This is not as far fetched as it sounds when you consider the small army of behemoths who are now campaigning in Northwest rings and are available for the proposed tourney.

To name a few who have starred here in recent bouts; Rugged young Bob Albright, the deadly punching Canadian Champion Earl Walls, Tacoma's classy prospect Pat McMurty, the powerful South African Champion Johnny Arthur, vastly under-rated Dale Hall, Seattle's veteran Harry Kid Matthews, Idaho's champion Harley Breshears, (the Ring magazine's "Kayo King of 1954"); the "Big Redwood" George Parmentier, rugged Puyallup veteran Dave Davey, the hard-punching Toxie Hall, Samoa's Duke Sabedong and Portland's young prospect Amos Lincoln. It is as good a group of heavies as you'll find in any other section of the country at the present time. Anyway, fistically speaking, it promises to be a lively winter here in Totem Town.

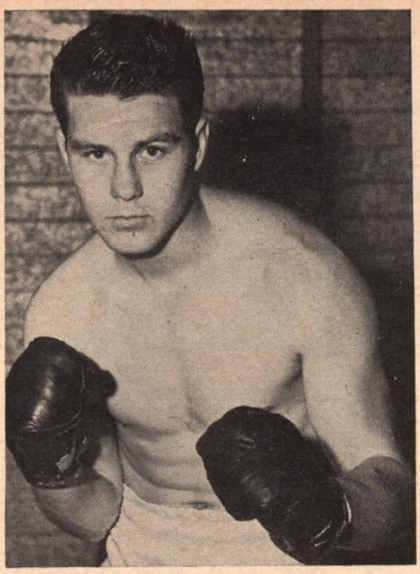
▶ Tacoma Armory—Big Dave Davey, 227, rugged Puyallup, Washington veteran, launched his comeback campaign by winning a split ten round decision over Omaha's Larry Watson, 186. Considering Davey's long period of ring inactivity, it was a good win and with another tuneup bout under his belt, Davey will again be ready for the best of them.

Carlton Lincoln, 164, Portland, decision Richie Lopez, 164, Los Angeles. Carroll Genshaw, 119, Eureka, decisioned Flash Villaroel, 119, Manilla in six heats. Sonny O'Mera, 179, Tacoma, kayoed Bob Lynn in one canto. The curtain raiser saw Portland's good looking prospect Sonny Hett, 168, win a punching duel by stopping Vern Jenkins, 172, Tacoma, in four.

▶ Coeur d'Alene Idaho staged a Labor Day fight card at the local ball park and the Billings Montana middleweight prospect Dick Lane added another kayo to his record when he stopped Richie Lopez of Los Angeles in the third round. In the companion ten rounder, Idaho's heavyweight king Harley Breshears, 192, kayo'd Dave Roy, 194, Vancouver, B. C., also in three.

▶ Winnemucca, Nevada also staged a card featuring Vincente Echevarria, transplanted Basque now fighting out of Boise, who decisioned Joe Murphy in a ten rounder. Roque Maravilla, heavyweight from Boise, scored a first round knockout over Johnny Garcia. In the lightweight division, Russell Davis won a six round decision over Eddie Schooner.

Missoula, Montana—Heavy punching Dick Lane, 153, Billings, Montana, again met Richie Lopez, 160, Los Angeles and kayoed him in the fourth round. Spider McCallum, 157, Missoula veteran, won a unanimous decision from Buzz Brown, 152, Tacoma, by taking 8 of 10 rds.



PAUL JORGENSEN

A tall good looking youngster from Port Arthur, Paul Jorgensen, proved to the outside world by his fine showing in dropping a close ten round decision to the veteran Teddy (Red Top) Davis the Ring's number three man, that his impressive record of 32 wins in 36 fights is no fluke.

Paul, just turned twenty started his pro career in the spring of 1953.

A great drawing card wherever he fights, his match with Davis drew over $19,000.00 and a return match should do better than $25,000.00. Paul is looking forward to another chance at Teddy. He reversed all of his other losses, in second meetings. "I learned a lot in my bouts with Pappy Gault and Davis," Paul tells everyone, and "I know that I will beat Davis next time."

While mostly a boxer, he has 12 knockouts, and possesses a fast, sneaky right cross.

▶ CASEY'S CORNER: Vancouver's crack featherweight ace, Len Walters, finally gets his long overdue chance at the Canadian featherweight title on Nov. 24th. at Vancouver. Defending champion Gaby Palotti will be an underdog in this one . . . Sedro Wooley, Washington middleweight veteran whom Billy Corbett is now campaigning in Honolulu, recently lost to Dolfus Brown . . . Dale Hall is one of the most underrated fighters around today. Hall has challenged Earl Walls to a "winner take all" bout, if made, that will really be a war!

All the Northwest promoters have been competing with each other for Pat McMurty's services, knowing when the Tacoma Harp headlines their card, they never have to worry about red ink. Jack Hurley offered to take over Pat's career on a 50-50 split basis just as he had with Harry Matthews. Tex Salkeld, Portland promoter signed McMurty for a November or December date but didn't name the opponent.

For information on fistic doings in the tall pine country, contact the writer at 7003-3rd. Ave. N. W., Seattle 7, Washington. Phone DExter 3972.

NORTHWESTERN REPERCUSSIONS
By Hugh Sutton

MISSOULA, MONT., LOYOLA GYM . . . Promotor Tex Hager staged the first fight card that Missuola has had in five years. Great interest was taken by the Montanians as gobs of the fans were turned away from the gate.

In the main-event, "Diamond" Dick Lane the oncoming Billings, Mnt. middleweight, (152), ran his undefeated streak to 25 straight by battering Richie Lopez, Seattle, 155, into sumission in 4 rounds. Seattle Mexican gamester was floored for eight counts. Referee Billy McFarland declared the sensational Lane the winner, stopping the bout after the third down in round four.

In the first half of the double main event, middleweights, Spider McCallum, 149, of Missoula, took a lop-sided decision from bobbing and weaving Buzzie Brown, 150, Tacoma, Washington in 10 rounds. After the initial two rounds, McCallum had the battle well in hand. McCallum bled profusely from a forehead cut during the last seven cantos. Brown kept the fighting interesting with powerful but wild left hooks.

▶ In the 6-round semi-windup Ronnie Milne, 153, Bozeman, took a unanimous decision over south-paw Yo Yo Lewis, 147, Seattle.

A lightheavyweight 4-rounder saw muscular Sonny Hett of Seattle, gain a hard earned decision over Carlton Lincoln of Portland. Carlton is the brother of the hard punching Amos Lincoln.

In a lively opener, Oscar Gould of Spokane, scored a trio of knockdowns over Bob Milne of Bozeman and stopped the Montana welterweight in 1:40 of the 2nd. The referee stopped the fight with Milne hanging from the ropes. Bob is a twin brother of Ronnie.

This good card was well received and promotor Tex Hager is looking around for a larger arena to place future fight cards in the University city.

IOWA-SOUTH DAKOTA SPARKS
By Bill Hawkins

NELSON LEVERING, CLEVER SIOUX CITY welterweight, will return to ring action on the west coast. Levering has signed to work under the wing of Harry P. Stout of Los Angeles. Levering's last top pro fight was a decision over Nicholas Funari of Italy in eight rounds in Madison Square Garden, 1953. Levering broke his hand in the fourth round.

▶ Pinkie George, veteran Iowa sports promotor, has announced the formation of one of the largest booking offices for wrestling in the middle-west. George has merged with Orville Brown of Kansas City, Mo., and the company will be known as Brown-George Wrestling Inc. The main office will be at 3908 Baltimore, Kansas City, Mo., Phone, Jefferson, 7031. George will also keep his Des Moines, Ia., office.

▶ LAST MINUTE SPARKS . . . Wrestling returns to the Sioux City Auditorium under the direction of the Siouxland Exhibition Co., with several major mat cards on tap . . . The mat sport is also opening in Des Moines at the KRNT theater under the promotion of Russ Fraser . . . Yankton, S. D. is opening the season with both wrestling and boxing . . . Remember our address is 2206 N. Lafayette, Sioux City, Iowa.

BOXING BITS FROM VIRGINIA
By Jack Levinson

IF CERTAIN technical difficulties can be cleared up, it now seems certain that Norfolk again will have one of the Pabst Blue Ribbon fights on TV for its March of Dimes boxing show this winter.

▶ News concerning Virginia boxing is welcome. Please have same at my address by the 22nd of each month. My address is: 7423 W. Kenmore Drive, Norfolk, Va.

PITTSBURGH AND WEST VIRGINIA NOTES
By Mickey Davies

YOURS TRULY HAS TURNED OVER THE MANAGERIAL reins of lightweight Noel Humphreys to Tom Tannas of New Kensington, who along with Jake Mintz guides the ring career of former heavy king Ezzard Charles. This reporter will remain in the picture as trainer and advisor to the Mountain State lightweight champ, who is one of the best bets in the 135 pound class.

▶ WHTN-TV, Channel 13, in Huntington, along with Promoter Dick Deutsch will stage "live" shows from Radio Center Arena this coming winter season. The deal is now being completed.

▶ John Connolly and Jack Pettit collaborated on a ring card at Wheeling. With Jack Dempsey acting as referee. Jackie King, Massilon, defeated Jimmy Saunders Warren in a busy eight. At press time we don't have the complete results.

▶ Mike Penner of Delbarton (W. Va.) boasts of a fine amateur boxing team . . . Jimmy Lane, former Eastern Golden Gloves champion is now wearing Uncle Sam's khaki . . . Jim is a fine prospect . . . Joe Luvura is singing the praises of his new heavy find, Joe La Quatra.

LA LAGUNA AND MEXICAN PROVINCE

By Miguel Ramirez Aznar

JOE CASTANEDA, THE BRONCO FROM FRESNILLO, was unlucky during his month campaign in the foreign rings. First, he was defeated by Firpo Gutiérrez, 155, at Acapulco, and later, Miguel Díaz, Cuban welter, kayoed him in 8 rounds in Havanna, Cuba.

Bouts staged in La Laguna during the month were as follows:

▶ARENA "ZARAGOZA", Matamoros:—Jorge Valverde, 117, KO'ed Beto de León, 120, in 2. Antonio "Zorrito" Ramírez, 128, iced Jesús López, 130, also in two. Ray Mejía, 134, and Pedro Pérez, 133, drew in 8 rounds.

▶ARENA "OBRERO", Torreón:—Jesse de Hoyos, 143, TKO'd Pedro Piña, 133, in the ninth round. Raúl Leaños, 117, bested Augustín "Diablito" Campos, 112, in ten.

▶ARENA "ZARAGOZA", Matamoros:—Domingo Hidalgo, 150, scored a technical knockout over Catarino Guerrero, 170, in the fifth round. 20 pounds are a lot of handicap, don't you think so? This kind of bouts are killing the fans' spirit in the little Matamoros town.

Results in the Arenas out of Mexico City.

▶Acapulco:—Pedro Biesca, 134, outpointed Beto Carbajal, 133, in ten rounds.

Minatitlán:—Baby Couary, 123, stopped Raúl Solís, in the sixth.

El Mante:—Rudy Jiménez, 154, knocked out Carlos Martínez, 153½, in the third.

San Luis Potosí:—José Argüelles and Marcelino Peña made a No Contest fight after 8 rounds. Both guys weighed 135.

▶Ciudad Juárez:—Alfredo Nevarez, 128, bested Joey Reyes, 127, in ten. Oscar Lomas, La Laguna bantamweight, kayoed Ramón Sosa, 122, in two.

Acapulco:—Gildardo Bacho, 123, iced Luis Villa, 123½, in four. Carlos Cardoso, 119, beat Nacho Escalante, 120, in ten rounds.

▶Tijuana:—Kid Anáhuac, 125, embalmed Cecil Schoonmaker, 126, in the seventh. Trini Ruiz, 119, defeated Kenny Davis, 121, in ten.

Monterrey:—Chucho Ruiz, 145, kayoed Luciano González, 140, in sixth.

Piedras Negras:—Babe Franco, 139½, decisioned Manuel Muñoz, 140, La Laguna, after ten rounds.

▶Ciudad Juárez:—Ernesto Figueroa, 124, easily decisioned Jess Castillo, 121, in ten. Alfredo Zuanny, Chihuahua heavyweight, iced Tommy Ramírez, Coahuila lightheavy, in the very first round.

Papantla:—Kid Leoncito, 123, KO'd Kid Veracruz, 126, in three. Germán Ohm, 118, La Laguna, stopped Tony Bacerra,, 120, in the second.

▶Orizaba:—Emilio de la Rosa, 120, kayoed Lucio Torres, 123, in four.

Acapulco:—Mario de León, 111, stopped Gildardo Bacho, 120, in the nineth.

Camargo:—Kid Juárez, 146, defeated Manuel Muñoz, 140, La Laguna, in ten.

▶JUAN LEANOS, the durable "Jerez Whip" has quit Boxing. Leaños started as a pro during 1941 and his latest fight was in April 28, 1955, against Manuel "Zurdo" Mendoza. The old man lost a 12-round decision and the La Laguna Lightweight Championship. He was managed, all that years, by Filemón and Ernesto Lesprón. Good luck to you, Juanito!

RIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY

By Selsso Tiborro

RATON MACIAS, NBA BANTAMWEIGHT CHAMP, has fully recovered from the broken jaw in his fight with Billy Peacock in Los Angeles, California, reports manager Pancho Rosales. Macias will return to the ring soon and he will have two or three fights outside of Mexico City to note his reactions. If found OK, he will be looking for a return match with Peacock.

The new arena, "Nueva Arena Mexico", is almost finished and inauguration will take place by the end of this year or beginning of 1956. It will be 20,000 capacity and will cost approximately two million dollars.

Results of fights during September, were as given below:

▶Manuel Armenteros, 122, Cuban, stopped Ernesto Figueroa, 127, in seven. Beto Couary, 124, decisioned Papelero Sanchez, 128, in ten. Miguel Garcia, 118, stopped Tony Contreras, 118, in three. Daniel Romero, 118, decisioned Roberto Mar, 118, in eight. Benny Rosas, 118, decisioned Castorcito Sanchez, 117, in four.

▶Tobe Peñaloza, 135, stopped Beta Gonzalez, 134, in three. Felipe Sosa, 128, stopped Luis Covarrubias, 127, in six. Ubaldo Ramirez, 134, decisioned Renato Torres Jr., 130, in ten. Chon Almazan, 124, decisioned Roberto Gonzalez, 126, in six. Pancho Rubio, 126, decisioned Mario Torres, 124, in four.

▶Ricardo "Pajarito" Moreno, 118, stopped Pedro Garcia, ("Patitas Chuecas"), 118, in one, breaking him the jaw. Chucho "Kid" Tello, 114, decisioned Eddie Luna, 114, in ten. Jorge Morales, 117, stopped Joe Medina, 118, in two. Luis Gutierrez, 118, stopped German Ohm, 118, in four.

▶Kid San Martin, 118, decisioned Jos Luis Mora, 118, in ten. Ernesto Castañeda, 119, decisioned "Patito" Espindola, 119, in ten. Cirilo Aguirre, 147, stopped Memo Napoles, 146, in five. David Perez, 149, decisioned Macario Leon, 141, in six. Agustin Moreno, 135, stopped Emilio Escalona, 136, in one.

▶Roberto Bolaños, 126, decisioned Roy Hernandez, 126, in ten. Babe Ruiz, 118, decisioned Rogelio Saucedo, 118, in ten. Xochimilca Kid, 126, stopped Emilio Tapia, 126, in five. Juan Alcantara, 118, decisioned Domingo Hernandez, 118, in six. Juan Garcia, 126, stopped Babe Astorga, 125, in two.

▶Lalo Gallardo, 135, decisioned Rudolph Bent, 136, British Honduras, in ten, for the second time. Manuel Jimenez, 119, decisioned Joe Beltran, 118, in ten. Alvaro Gutierrez, 134, stopped Chino Rodriguez, 132, in two. Jose Medel, 115, drew with Daniel Silva, 118, in six. Jorge Ortiz, 127, also drew with Rodolfo Gonzalez, 123, in four.

▶Julio Escobedo, 126, lost to Moi Torres, 126, by disqualification in eight. Ezequiel Uribe, 135, decisioned Papelero Sanchez, 135, in ten. Orizaba Kid, 135, stopped Chucho Olmos, 135, in two. Pollo Sanchez, 125, decisioned Jorge Barrera, 126, in six. Jorge Salazar, 118, decisioned Jeronimo Palomo, 117, in four.

▶Victor Manuel Quijano, 125, decisioned Rosendo del Castillo, 126, in ten. Cheto Fernandez, 117, decisioned Mike Cruz, 118, in ten. Tony Garcia, 126, decisioned Ray Bonilla, 125, in eight. Ernesto Rodriguez, 126, decisioned Little Yucatan, 124, in six.

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BOXING IN YUCATAN

By Eduardo Amer G.

DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST, three fighters of Yucatan fought out of this region, as follows:

▶MINATITLAN, VER: Eduarde "Baby" Coaury TKO'd Raú Solis, featherweight of Yucatan, in six rounds.

▶ACAPULCO, GRO: Pedro Biesca decisioned Beto Carvajal, lightweight of Yucatan, in ten rounds.

▶MEXICO CITY: Victor Manuel Quijano featherweight champ of Yucatan, won a decision over Rosendo "Wama" del Castillo, in ten fast rounds.

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BOXING IN JAMAICA
By Ken Jones

EMILIE SANCHEZ, hard-punching lightweight from British Honduras, scored two decisive victories. First he iced Dudley Gordon, in 1.22 seconds of the initial round at Race Course and then he outpointed Allan Escoffery over 10 heats at Sabina Park.

For the Race Course bout Sanchez weighed in at 129 to Gordon's 126. He waded into his man from the first gong and dropped him for an 8-count. In the second he floored his man again and finally finished the fray by extracting two of Gordon's teeth.

▶In the bout with Escoffery at Sabina Park, Sanchez, 132, gave away 3½ lbs to the Jamaican, took a beating in the early rounds, but came back with a furious finish to earn the nod of Judge Dr. Audley Narcisse and Referee Herbert McDonald. Judge Ivan Levy called it a draw.

On the undercard presented by promoter Ivanhoe Morrison, Gerald Gray, 142, won easily from Herman Weise, 145, in 6 rounds. Mervin Morris, 128, drew with Morton 'Red Head' Gayle, 122, in 6 rounds; Ken Spence, 124, took a 6-round decision from Frank Orrett, 124; Kirby Saddler, 117 lorded it over Lou Solomon, 155 for 4 rounds.

▶Veteran promoter Gladstone deSouza hurled his hat back into the ring with a spectacular programme at Sabina Park.

In the main bout, Neville Powell, 144, amateur welterweight champion of 1955, came off the floor to win the professional title from Al White, 144, in 15 rounds. Judge Ivan Levy and Referee Herbert McDonald voted in favor of Powell 80-70 and 76-74 and Judge Dr. Narcisse polled for White 76-74. This writer shared Narcisse's views.

Promising welter LeRoy Morgan, 144, lost by a foul to Vassell Chin, 146. Morgan pounded his man in the first and floored him in the second, but instead of retiring to a neutral corner he banged away at the fallen gladiator and was disqualified.

Simeon Ricketts, 135, made an impressive comeback by stopping Earl Fongkin, 131, who refused to answer the bell for the third. G. Taylor, 145, earned a close decision from Syd Jackson, 143 and Lou Solomon, 116, took it easy in winning from Andy Greenwood, 112.

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FROM BANGKOK, THAILAND
By H. D. Koslowski

SOMDEJ YONTRAKIT, 147, Orient welter champion, took a shellacking from Marshall Clayton, 148, U. S., at the Rajdamnern Stadium here on September 18. After looking like a sure winner, the local boy ran into trouble in the third when he was dropped for a one count and Clayton followed with another knockdown for a count of nine. After this another right hook to the head felled Somdej again and when he came up at 9, the referee halted the fight.

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on [redacted] in round NINE for constant holding. He did little fighting and was spoiling all the time. NEUHAUS, in my opinion, will surely win back his title if there is a third fight.

Gerhard Hecht, European and German cruiser champion, had a tough fight with HENRY HALL and was only slightly ahead at the final bell. Both eyes were cut and hindered Hecht. The German was not at his best but won out on his last round showing. The crowd didn't like the verdict but I thought Hecht won.

Art Towne was disqualified by referee BERGSTROEM against Peter Mueller in Berlin on September 9, but the Berlin Boxing Commission later changed the verdict and declared it "No Decision."

▶MAX RESCH (Stuttgart) Germany's southpaw middle KO specialist, halted FRANCESCO FRANCES (Spain) in five rounds. FRANCES took a count of NINE in round THREE, the bell saved him in heat FOUR and after taking a third count in round FIVE he was counted out. They fought on the Hecht-Hall card.

▶RUDI LANGER (Berlin) 59.8 kilo, featherweight champion, won the lightweight title, which was vacant, by beating ALBERT MUELLER (Dusseldorf) 60.6 kilo, in ten rounds. MUELLER was forced to retire with a severely cut eyebrow. LANGER was ahead on points when the fight was brought to a close. LANGER must now decide which title he is going to vacate for no boxer can hold more than one title in Germany. I would say he will retain his lightweight crown.

Welter, GUNTHER HASE (Berlin) outpointed the Spanish champion, MANOLO COLREA over eight rounds. The Spaniard appeared to be hitting with an open glove.

Middle SATTLER (Wuppertal) halted SOWA (Berlin) in five rounds.

Heavy RODE (Wattenschied) lost on points over four rounds to UWE JANSSEN (Hamburg).

NEUKE (Delmenhorst) beat DORST, a fellow German, on points.

▶HEIN TEN HOFF, after his KO defeat in one round by INGEMAR JOHANSSON, will not fight again. HOFF's career as a boxer for 20 years has come to a close. HOFF, now 36, was an amateur in 1942 and as a professional in 1951 won the European title from JACK GARDNER in BERLIN. He held the German title from 1946 to July 52, six years, a record for any German boxer. His record gives details of 27 KO wins, 4 points victories, 4 draws, 4 lost on points and 3 lost by the KO route.

▶At Amsterdam — GUNTHER BALZER (Celle) lost narrowly on points to WIM SNOEK (Holland) over eight rounds.

Cruiser and middle champion of Austria LEO STAROSCH (Essen) defended his light heavy title successfully KOing KARL AMEISCHBICHLER in eight rounds.

▶At Ostend—PETER WERNER (Dusseldorf) outpointed VINKEN (Ostend) over eight rounds. HEINZ SATTLER (Berlin) lost on points to VANDAMME (Belgium) in 6. ALOIS BRAND (Ger) won on points over ODON (Belgium) in 10 rounds.

▶In Bologna — Southpaw PELLEGRINI (Italy) 96.4 beat HERBERT WEISE (Berlin) the latter retiring with a cut forehead at the end of round 4 after being in a winning position.

BOBBY WARMBRUMM (Hamburg) lost on points to PERSIO (Italy) over 4 rounds.

▶At Essen—A crowd of 3,500 saw FRANZ SZUZINA (Bremen), share points with the ex cruiser champion, HEINZ SACHS (Dortmund) over eight rounds. SZUZINA weighed 76.4 and SACHS 80 kilo.

WILLI FANSLAU (Dortmund) 93 kilo substituted for COLIN STRAUGH (SA) and lost to HANS BRENDEMUHL (Hamburg) over eight rounds.

RINGS (Essen, GANGFUSS (Ger) and GOODMANN (Steele) all had their first fight as a professional.

RINGS, 57 kilo, halted HENNIG (Hamburg) in four rounds.

GANGFUSS 60 kilo, lost on points to NEUKE (Bremen).

GOODMANN 72.2. outpointed NEULING (Duisburg).

All fights were scheduled for FOUR rounds.

SCHIELKE (Essen) 66 kilo, halted SCHRODER (Krefeld) in four heats.

[redacted]EWS FROM CUBA
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[redacted]A: THE SPORTS PALACE RECORD [redacted]tered for the third time in 3 months that clever, genial promotor, Oscar [redacted]nez-Conill got together, Mexican Lauro [redacted]as, Monterrey, and former lightweight champion of the world, and local featherweight champion, Ciro Morasén, now The RING'S No. 1 contender. Morasén is a 28 year old veteran who has held the Cuban title for seven years, and is Cuba's best feather since Kid Chocolate's time.

Morasén, 125¼, won in my opinion a 8-1-1 decision. Salas, 128, was outpunched, outmanouvered, and outwitted.

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In the companion 10 rounder, very promising Martín Rodríguez, 127, scored his 6 straight this year (2 decisions, 3 k.o.'s), and did a thing only Sandy Saddler could do last year when he stopped, tough, hard hitting veteran from Mexico, Baby Ortíz, 131, in the seventh round.

After winning the first four rounds Rodríguez, Ortiz came into his own and won the next two, but got very confident with k.o. punching Rodríguez, and before he knew it was down for eight in the 7, when he got up what came over him was a small typhoon, and before he knew it again Ortiz was counted out then and there with a terrific right cross to the jaw. More than 20 minutes passed before he came into his own again, saying that only Saddler hitted him as hard as Martín Rodriguez. You got here, Nat, another execellent man to be rated among the ten best. Make no mistake about that.

Miguel Lazú, 119, won in eight from Humberto Díaz-Llerandi, 120 and ¾ pounds.

Angel García, 124¾, stopped Reinaldo Suárez, 125¾, in one and Tato Menéndez, 126, won in six from Gil Castañeda, 126.

▶HAVANA: Cuban Lightweight champion, Fernando Silva, lost a close split verdict in ten, versus Mexican Tomás Castillo, 133. Silva weighed one pound less.

Orlando González, 136, stopped Nilo Blanco, 135¾, in 3.—Nene Ramírez, 147, won in six from Sergio Ríos, 145½; Eddie Botello, 113, won in 4 from Ray Tabío, 110¾, and Oscar Campos, 139½, stopped Mario Díaz, 142½, in one.

▶HAVANA: Cuban welter king, Chico Verona, 154, seems to have gotten to the end of the trail. He has lost, coordination, speed, and his eagle eye. Besides that, he can't take a punch like he did before. Anwyay, I don't want to take anything away from the promising American, Jimmy Beechman, 152¼, who can hit like a demon. This was his second appearance here.

Beechman won the unaminous decision over Varona and in doing it, clinched the verdict scoring an eight count in the third. Varona finished the stronger, but in scorecard it was a 7-3 fight.

In the semi-windup, Sergio (Spider) Cardenas, 126½, stopped Félix Triana, 128¾, in the third.

Baby Rosales, 129¾, stopped Juan A. Delgado, 127½, in two; Benigno Almaguer, 115½, stopped Rafael Benítez, 114¾, in 3; and Rodolfo Casal, 125½, won in four from Idilio Velázquez, 122¾.

▶HAVANA: Cuban flyweight champion, Oscar Suárez, 111¼, was badly mismatched and lost a close, split verdict to Mexican featherweight, Ernesto Parra.

Parra was five inches taller, had about 6⅛ inches in reach.

Manolito Kid, 115½, won a close eighter from Orlando Rodriguez, same weight.

José Alvarez, 146, stopped Rolando Minsal, 147; Andrés González, 158, won in four from Osmaro Hernández, 157¾, and, Rollie García, 133, t.k.o.ed Mario Castillo, 135, in three.

▶HAVANA, Miguel Díaz, 145½, stopped Mexican José Castañeda, 145, in the eighth round.

Roland La Plancha Rodríguez, 145¾, won a t.k.o. in one, over Carlos Chivas, 141.

Erundino López, 114½, stopped Alf Milán, 111, in two. Jose Blanco, 125½, won in four over Alf Arozamena, and a sixer, Jesús Martínez, 210, won a fast one for heavies, when he outpointed Angel Chediak, 193. Angel was twice downed during the fight.

LITTLE RODY'S FISTIC HIGHLIGHTS
By Eddie Beck

PROMOTER MANNY ALMEIDA opened the fall boxing season at the Arcadia with Tim Jones, Newark middleweight, copping a split decision from Bob Bolton, local middleweight.

▶Sam Silverman is making a strong bid to revive the small New England boxing clubs. Silverman has reopened the clubs at Holyoke, Brockton, Boston and Portland, Me. Former champions Willie Pep and Johnny Saxton headlined his opening cards. Silverman has clinched the return weter title scrap between Champ Carmine Basilio and Tony DeMarco for the Boston Garden on November 30.

▶Benny Kooloian, hard hitting local middleweight, is making rapid strides under the coaching of Babe Varrilo. Bobby Soares, fast punching local featherweight, scored a few more victories.

▶Phil Addison has his stable ready for action. Joe Gomes, hard punching welter is improving. Gordon Perry is very popular. A new addition is Lonny Rollins, a speedy welter.

▶Norm Lang has a good prospect in Chuck Tanner. Frankie Hennessey is training Eddie Camuso, Fall River heavy and Toby Silva, middleweight. Paul Russell, young local heavy, made a hit in his debut while winning.

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▶Arcadia—Tim Jones, 160, Newark, beat Bob Bolton, 164, Providence, in ten. Tobey Silva, 158, Fall River, KO Tony Martin, 150, Boston, in four. Artie Lupo, 130, Hartford stopped Ed Campbell, 128, Pawtucket. (cut eye). Paul Russell, 182, beat Cy Anderson, 172, Newark, in four. Eddie Camuso, 208, Fall River, KO Vic Zerone, Fall River, in one.

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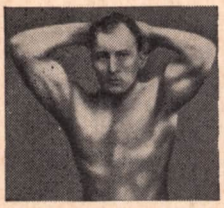

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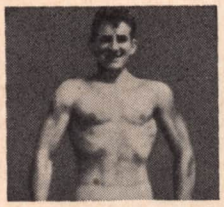

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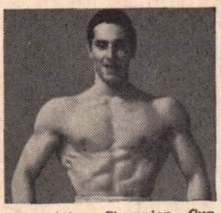

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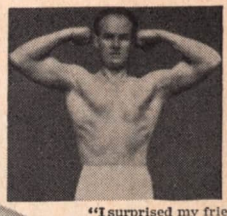

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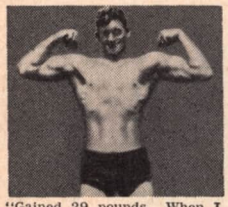

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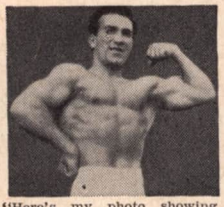

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